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THE world heavyweight championship fight between Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago will receive the customary title treatment in the July issue of RING Magazine. There will be the usual authoritative, inside stories on Rocky's first defense of the crown, and thorough picture coverage which such competition deserves.

Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING Magazine, has left for Europe, where he will spend most of the Summer surveying the boxing scene, and writing about fights, notably Randy Turpin vs. Charley Humez. Fleischer will cover training camps and the contest having to do with the crowning of a middleweight champion to succeed Ray Robinson, retired, as well as other developments in British and Continental boxing.

Fleischer attended the international boxing conference connected with the annual convention of the European Boxing Federation. The U.S.-Europe conference in Paris adopted uniform regulations, so much needed, to govern world title fights. Fleischer will tell you all about this, too. He was a quasi-official delegate from this country, as he has been for years at the E.B.F. conventions.

There will be complete coverage of the lightweight championship fight between Jimmy Carter and Tommy Collins, at Boston.

Who was the first authentic heavyweight champion of the world? Many authorities have insisted that John L. Sullivan was entitled to that rank. Others have insisted, just as stoutly, that the late Jim Jeffries was the first real world titleholder. This controversy is covered by Daniel M. Daniel.

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WHO "NOSE"?

By JERSEY JONES

IT hardly seems likely that either Rocky Marciano or Jersey Joe Walcott will be unduly affected by the five-weeks' postponement, from April 10 to May 15, of their date in the Chicago Stadium.

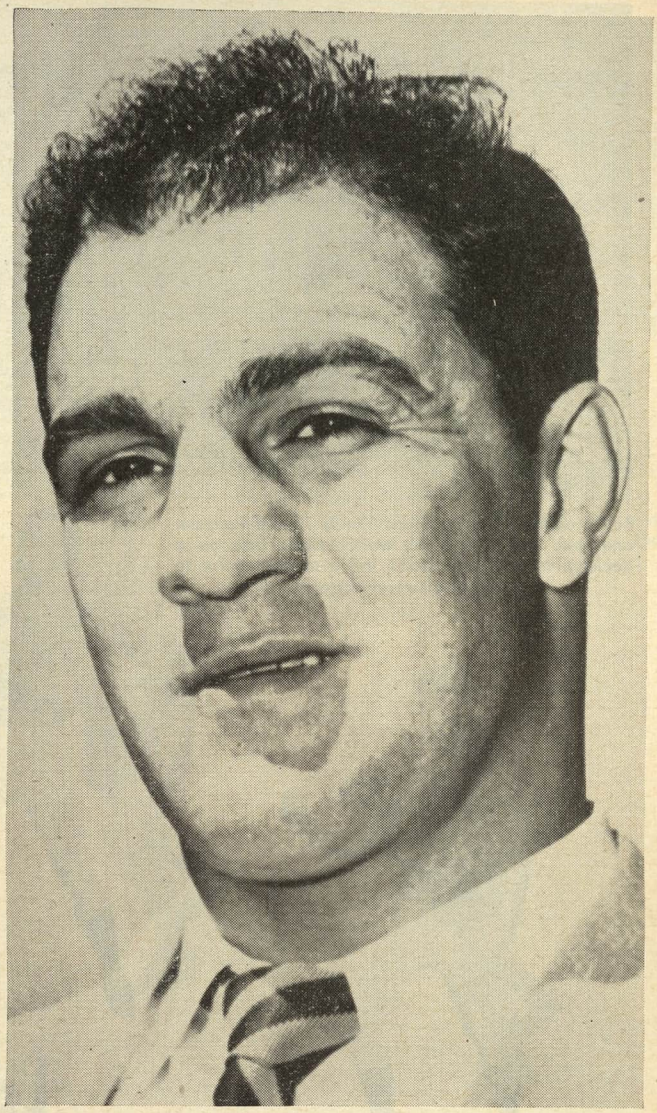
Marciano and Walcott are pretty much of the same stolid, phlegmatic type, to whom such things as occasional postponements are accepted philosophically as part of their trade.

There is the possibility, however, that if Rocky's nose actually has been bothering him, it could have a somewhat adverse psychological effect on the Brockton Blockbuster when he squares off against Walcott. Unconsciously he may try to protect his ailing proboscis, and conceivably that could mean a sacrifice of some of his effectiveness. But this is just a remote possibility. Marciano doesn't seem to be the sort to worry much about anything in the ring. He just piles in and swings. The worrying is left to his handlers. Rocky has implicit faith in his manager and trainer, and whatever they say is enough for him.

In the natural course of events, Marciano figures to have improved since his previous meeting with Walcott. Owning a world title generally adds to a fighter's confidence. Having beaten Jersey Joe before, Rocky should be cocksure of his ability to do it again.

But Walcott has demonstrated often enough in the past that he's not one to be sold short. Nobody realizes more than Pappy Joe himself that he already has gone years beyond the normal span of a fighter's career, and the end of the long trail draws nearer with every passing day. This may be his one final date with destiny. Walcott knows the odds all figure to be against him and practically everybody, save his own menage, expects him to lose. He appreciates the fact that he no longer has the youth, strength and stamina to carry on for fifteen gruelling rounds with a strong, rugged, aggressive slugger who can punch.

So Walcott's one bet will be to try for an early knockout, and it's almost a certainty he'll gamble on it. One punch can do it. It was one punch that made him champion in 1951. The odds were all against him that night, too, when he squared off with Ezzard Charles in Pittsburgh. He's two years older now, but what happened before could happen again. Old Pappy Joe will be in there, grim and determined, to see that it does. A desperate veteran can be a dangerous opponent.



Beginning to flatten from frequent punching, Rocky Marciano's nose responsible for postponement of fight, may prove important factor in champion's battle with former titleholder, Jersey Joe Walcott. Even the usually cheerful Rocky seems worried in this camera shot. He's probably reflecting on how the postponed bout with Jersey Joe Walcott will affect him.

THE postponement of the original date of the Marciano-Walcott get-together established one new precedent in modern boxing. It was the first time since the turn of the century that a world heavyweight championship match had been moved back because of a physical damage reported in training by one of the contestants.

Delayed title meetings among the big fellows have not been unusual in ring history, but for other reasons than illness or injury to one of the principals. Back in the days when prizefighting was frowned upon in many localities, and promoters had to contend with political opposition and police interference, important matches frequently had to shift not only dates but sites. In more recent times, postponements of outdoor fights have been caused mainly by unfavorable weather conditions.

Walcott himself had one experience with unkindly elements. His second episode with Joe Louis for the heavyweight title, at the Yankee stadium in June, 1948, was shoved back twice by rain.

Louis' first defense of the championship, in August, 1937, also was messed around by rain. Ten weeks after his title-winning effort against Jim Braddock in Chicago, Joe was to have met Tommy Farr at Yankee Stadium. A heavy downpour washed out the original setting. With baseball games scheduled for the next few days, the bout was moved back to the Stadium's next open date, four nights later.

TWO of Jack Dempsey's historic outings under Tex Rickard's promotion—first with Georges Carpentier in Jersey City, then with Gene Tunney in Philadelphia—were held despite adverse weather conditions.

The Carpentier bout was staged Saturday afternoon, July 2, 1921, in the mammoth wooden bowl built for the occasion on Boyle's Thirty Acres. The outlook was not too encouraging, with overcast skies and an ominous threat of rain. Assured of a sellout mob of 90,000 and boxing's first million-dollar gate, Rickard elected to take his chances with the elements. His gamble paid off. A few drops of rain did fall during the preliminaries, but that was all. The threatened storm failed to materialize, and the show went through without a hitch.

Things didn't turn out quite so happily in Philadelphia the night of September 23, 1926. Throughout the day dark, menacing clouds hovered overhead, and rain was promised. But Rickard, trusting in his traditional "good luck," went ahead with the program. Tex's "luck" held out until the main event started. The rain suddenly came down as Tunney and Dempsey got under way, and it was then too late to do anything about it. The battle was fought in a steady downpour, and the 120,757 mortals jammed into the sprawling Sesquicentennial Stadium were thoroughly drenched.

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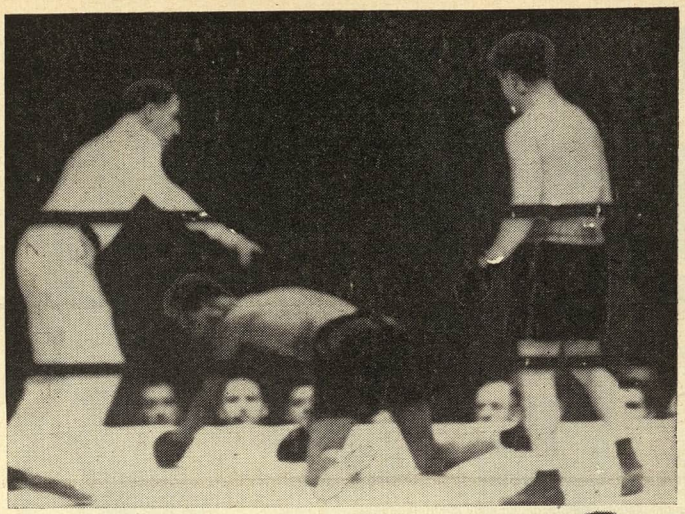
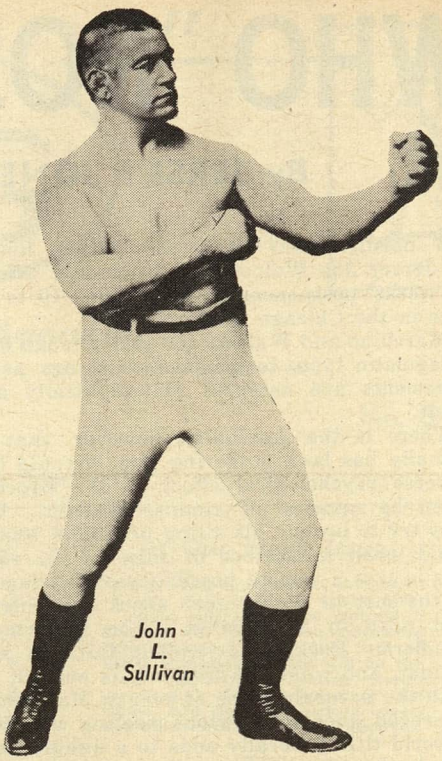


Lou Brouillard (right) drops Young Jack Thompson and goes on to win the welterweight title on a decision in Boston in 1931. He also laid claim to the middleweight crown.



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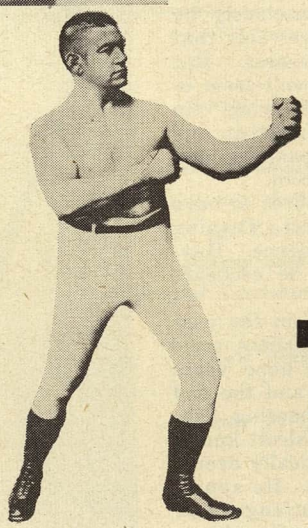
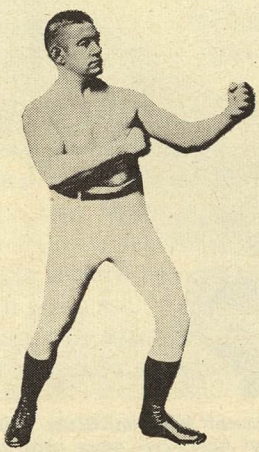




THE SPIRIT

By AL BUCK

IN the land of the Cod, where the Lowells speak only to the Cabots, the Cabots now speak only of Tom Collins. Not since Paul Revere rode through the night has New England been as excited as it is over the Boston lightweight, whose talents in the ring are secondary to his color and crowd appeal. In his native city, Collins has been held in even higher esteem than Rocky Marciano, the Brockton Block Buster, but actually both are only two more names added to a long and impressive list of New England fighters.

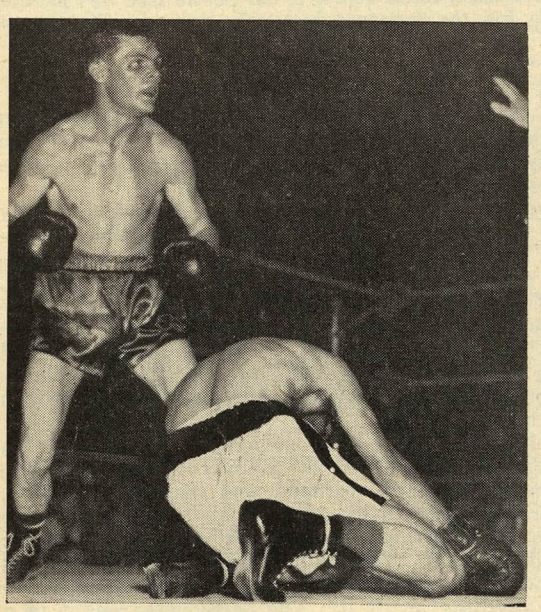
First in New England, and in the Nation for that matter, is John L. Sullivan, the Boston Strong Boy. There has been nothing like the mighty John L., and while their ranks have been thinned by death, there still are a few grey beards who boast "they shook the hand of Sullivan." This story might well be titled: "From Sullivan to Marciano." Collins is the hot shot of the moment, but the entire history of boxing in the New England States stretches from the past of John L. to the present of Rock-A-Bye Rocky.

MARCIANO and Collins are not alone among the current "greats," for Willie Pep, the ex-featherweight champion, continues to campaign successfully, and as lightweights go Georgie Araujo of Providence is better than fair. There are those who consider Araujo a better lightweight than Collins, including this publication whose ratings are regarded as official in all boxing circles. Araujo, as of this writing, is ranked Number One contender and Collins trails him as second choice.

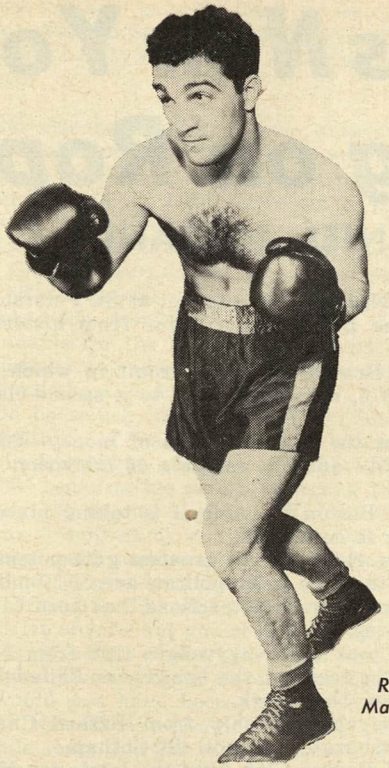
Pep, born in Middletown, is one of three great featherweight champions who call Connecticut home. Louis (Kid) Kaplan of Meriden, and Bat Battalino of Hartford are the others. When Pep regained the world title from Sandy Saddler, who incidentally was born in Boston, the people of Connecticut were so elated that Willie the Wisp was invited to address a joint session of the State Legislature.

In the years before he was slowed down by an airplane accident, Pep was one of the fastest moving fighters of all time. Collins' fame in part is based on his having knocked out the great Pep.

Prior to Pep, Rhode Island had a featherweight champion in Joey



Tommy Collins (left), the most popular New England fighter since John L.'s time, hammered former feather champ Willie Pep into defeat last June.



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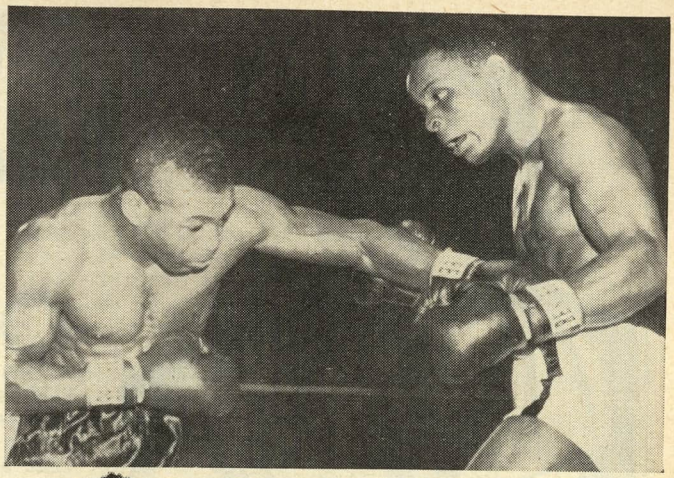
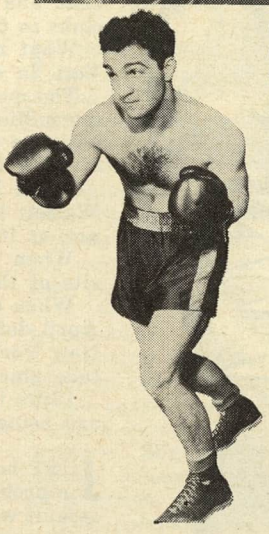


George Araujo (right), from Fox Point, R. I., takes a left thrown by Red Top Davis in a battle of ranking lightweights. Araujo is the No. 1 man in the division.



Archibald of Pawtucket, and later Sal Bartolo, Boston born, won the NBA version of the featherweight title from Phil Terranova.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN was a New England tradition. It took 75 rounds to do it, but fighting under London Prize ring rules, he knocked out Jake Kilrain. The Boston Irish never quite forgave James J. Corbett for knocking out the mighty Sullivan. The story is told of the lady who was introduced to Corbett.

"And who may he be?" she asked.

"Jim Corbett. He just knocked out John L. Sullivan," her friend said.

"Faith and you had little to do," said the lady addressing herself to Corbett.

It was a long time until New England had another heavyweight champion. Jack Sharkey, born in Binghamton, N. Y., but a resident of Boston, finally won the crown when he outpointed Max Schmeling. Sharkey was not popular with the home folks, but he was a well-equipped fighting man.

SHARKEY'S battles with Jim Maloney, his South Boston rival, made ring history. The first time they met as young heavyweights, Maloney won the decision in 10 rounds. Their second battle ended when Maloney was low with his left, and was disqualified in the ninth round. These two fights took place in Boston. Sharkey settled the issue decisively when he knocked out Maloney in the fifth round in New York's Yankee Stadium.

Maloney was tremendously popular. When he returned to Boston after outpointing Jack Delaney in New York, the South Station was jammed with cheering fans. Even when he was stopped by Sharkey, the fans turned out to greet him at the station on his return home. Popularity alone is not enough, and Sharkey was the better fighter. In the years that have passed Sharkey has gained the respect of his neighbors. He has mellowed too, and today has a good word for most everybody, including Marciano.

"Rocky needs only one punch to take a man out," Sharkey told

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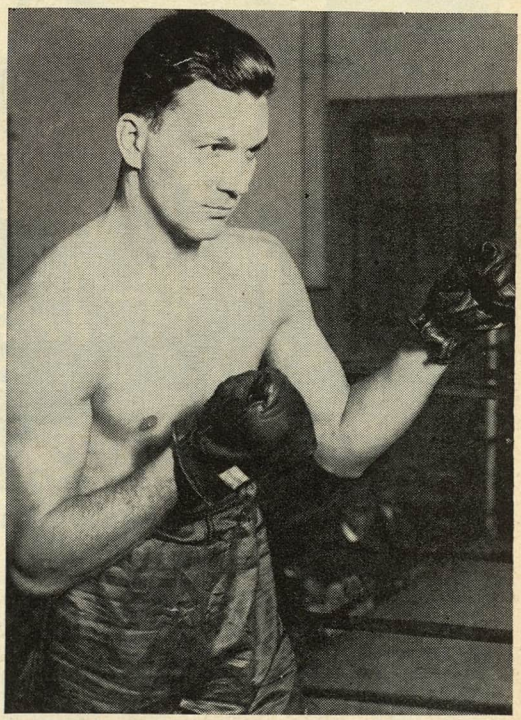


Jack Delaney, born in Canada but who started his ring career in Bridgeport, Conn., defeated Paul Berlenbach for the light-heavyweight title.

TV Has New York Boxing on Ropes

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

ONLY recently the National League met at St. Petersburg, Fla., and permitted the Braves to transfer from historic Boston to Milwaukee.

This move, taking the Braves out of a circuit in which they had held membership since 1876, reduced Boston to a second-class power in baseball.

The primary reason for the shift was loss of money—$800,000 in 1952 and $600,000 in 1951—and the impacts of television on lesser clubs in two-team cities.

What has happened to Boston in baseball is taking place in New York in so far as boxing is concerned.

The metropolis of the world, with the greatest gate potential in its ten million population within the metropolitan area's 50-mile radius, with the strongest response to ring attractions, has been turned into a minor factor in the boxing picture.

When Rocky Marciano took the heavyweight title from Jersey Joe Walcott last September, the scene of the brawl was Philadelphia and not, as it should have been, New York.

When Walcott took the championship from Ezzard Charles, the site of the fight was Pittsburgh, and not old Gotham.

When the International Boxing Club fixed the locale for Marciano's April defense of the title against Walcott, Jim Norris voted not for New York, but for Chicago. The bout, postponed until May 15, will take place in Norris' Chicago Stadium.

Little by little, the position of New York, and its boxing prestige, are being whittled away.

JUST how much longer the BIG TOWN will accept this situation is a problem. Perhaps it is helpless. Perhaps it will set up a counter assault when the new arena at Fifty-Ninth Street and Broadway, with seating capacity far bigger than that of Madison Square Garden, will be made available to rival of the I.B.C. should the Port Authority decide to lease the auditorium for boxing.

Conceivably this rival outfit would run into a stone wall because the best boxers are hooked up with Norris and his organization.

New York boxing fans are at a loss to understand why Norris is killing off their city as a ring centre. Fight promoters always have been eager to cater to the largest possible house, for the largest possible returns.

During the world war drop in the quality of boxers, old New York kept the game alive by turning out strong, at pre-war rates, to see what was left of the ring field in action.

After the war, New York, as usual, led in the revival of ring interest and the construction of a situation which sponsored the organization of the International Boxing Club, the entry of Norris into the big city, and the genesis of his power in the sport.

Now New York is getting a shabby return, indeed. The

Garden sits by and permits itself to be shunted off to a side track. Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds are bypassed by the I.B.C., while cities with lesser gate potentials are favored.

WHERE else could Norris have staged so tremendous a financial triumph as he did in New York in September 1951, with the Ray Robinson-Randy Turpin fight?

How much would the I.B.C. have got in Chicago or Philadelphia with this attraction?

But it was Philadelphia for one heavyweight title fight, and then Chicago for another, and chagrined Pop Knickerbocker is offered second- and third-class bouts put on chiefly for the television clientele.

It is laudable for the I.B.C., an organization with nationwide affiliations and interests, to wish to spread its feature fights around the U.S.A.

It would be selfish, indeed, for New York to insist that it get everything of major interest in boxing.

But it is downright nonsense for the I.B.C. to block out the big city, because this action is costing the I.B.C. money.

In taking the second Marciano-Walcott fight to Chicago, Norris was prompted by no spirit of civic pride. He is a business man and sentiment hardly rules his decisions.

Why, then, did he arrange Rocky's first defense of the title for Chicago? The fight originally was set for April 10. Don't let anyone kid you that it was postponed because of Rocky's bleeding nose. Al Weill and I.B.C. became panicky because the tickets weren't selling.

That would not have been the case had the fight been signed for New York. Norris wouldn't have had to boost the ringside seats to a $50 tops to insure a gate of $600,000. He could have gotten a full house and a handsome gate by staging the fight in Madison Square Garden where it rightfully belonged. New York was and must again be the world center of boxing. Big fights will always pay well in New York.

The talk about shifting to Chicago because Felix Bocchicchio couldn't obtain a license to second Walcott in New York is the bunk. Did Felix apply for a license? Had he done so, Bob Christenberry strongly hinted he would have gotten his license. The Bocchicchio angle in the Chicago match is a specious one. A phoney!

NOW we come to the factor of television. If Norris stages a heavyweight championship fight in Chicago, he can black out that area from the cameras.

But he can leave New York, with the vast buying power of those ten millions within the 50-mile radius, open to the fight telecast, so that the sponsor will receive the greatest benefit.

The fact that these ten million folks, with millions of television receivers—six million, approximately—are open to the suasions of the commercials is a tremendous thing in the financial setup of any big fight.

The writer could marshal a most impressive and convincing set of figures having to do with the purchasing powers of the metropolitan area, as against that of the entire Middle West, or the Middle Atlantic States with buying headquarters in Philadelphia.

And so we are confronted with this situation—to fight in New York, without metropolitan TV, blocks out the nation's most prosperous, most susceptible ten millions from the call to buy beer or razor blades or anything else which may be offered for sale in connection with the ring video.

To fight in Chicago leaves the metropolitan New York area open to TV sales talks.

As a consequence, we find television and its commercial sponsors running the fight game, just as it is bound to run baseball and other activities.

The television sponsor will spend as no other sponsor will spend. He believes the elimination of New York as a centre for anything but television in fights to favor his financial position.

HOWEVER, things are happening in boxing as they are happening in baseball.

Let us cite a baseball example. The annual attendance of the Yankees has been falling. Some of the reduction had to be expected in the post-war adjustment. Most of the drop traces to the telecasting of night and Sunday games.

The New York club reasons that it can afford to take this loss at the gate because it collects $500,000 for the television and radio rights to the games, and about $150,000 more for the television program preceding and after contests, which is separate from the reporting job.

At this time, the take from either provides amply for the player payroll. It does a similar financial service in Brooklyn and at the Polo Grounds, as well.

But how about the fans who used to come to the ball parks, and now are staying away?

Let a fan stop coming out for two years, and he is lost. Thousands of customers are getting the stay-away habit the same as in boxing.

Year by year, the number of the stay-aways grow tremendously. Before long, the differential against the ball clubs will be devastating.

Then the breweries will buy all the clubs and take over all the television, and catch the beer drinking fans at home if they can't grab them at the parks.

IN the New York boxing setup, what is happening in baseball is happening just as emphatically in the dominion of the I.B.C.

Thousands of fight fans in the ten-million area are getting into the habit of taking all of their ring entertainment from the TV receiver.

Analysis of the attendance sheets in the Garden drives home the seriousness of the New York situation as regards live boxing. The fight fans among the ten million are willing enough to watch these inferior attractions on TV, but they are not responsive at the box office.

In short, the number of stay-at-homes is growing tremendously.

In boxing, the sphere of activity of the I.B.C. extends from coast to coast, and this entire setup is dominated by television considerations.

As a result, boxing in the greatest city in the world withers. Big fights are taken elsewhere. Some of New York's newspapers are in revolt against deadly process of attrition. But there is no unity among the rebels.

The campaign of mayhem against New York boxing serves to drive home the tremendous influences which television exerts on our daily lives, on our hours of recreation.

TELEVISION's influences on boxing are powerful because the telecast of a fight is the best job the cameras achieve in sports.

The small area to be covered by the cameras, the fact that there are only three men in that area, and one could be negligible, assist in producing a telecast which often shows the video viewer more than most of the spectators at the fight can see accurately.

Of course, there is no actual substitute for seeing the fight itself. Television cannot indicate the depth and power of punches.

However, for thousands and thousands of New York fight fans, television is good enough. It is good enough at the price. The television fight fan automatically obtains protection from overdoses of commercials, which is not available to the baseball video enthusiast, because a round runs three minutes and, thus far, no sponsor has had the temerity to break in on those 180 seconds with a beer or blade boost.

The between rounds recess lasts only one minute, and some of that time has to be devoted to summarization of what had happened in the ring.

In time, there may be a change in the rules, forced by the dominating position of the sponsors.

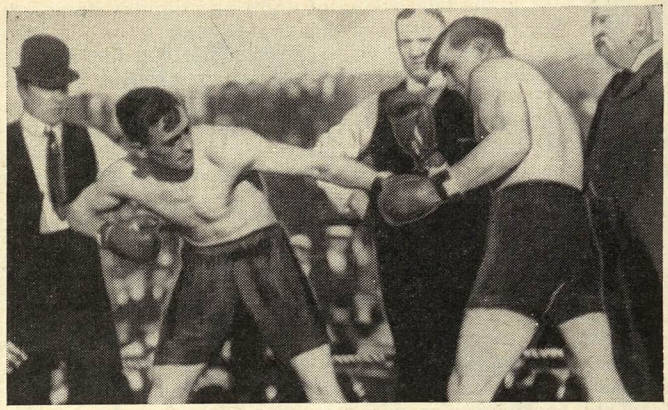
They may make between rounds rest two minutes, and perhaps they will cut the actual rounds to similar duration.

Don't scoff. Those things, fantastic as they may sound now, could happen. Because the TV people have the fight game by the throat, and by its bank balance.

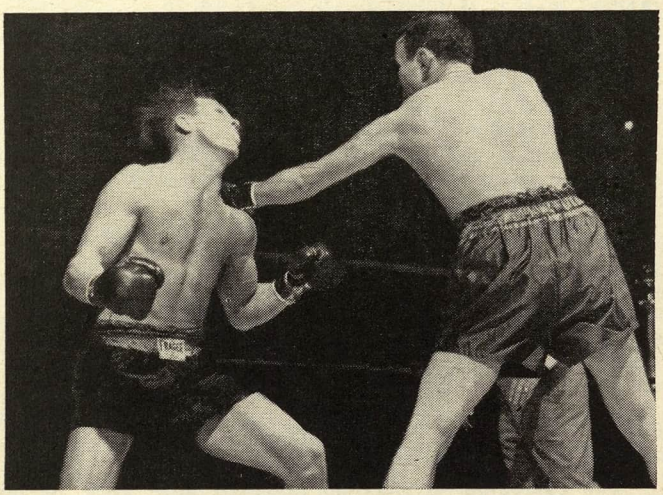
Does any of this actually justify the murdering of big boxing in New York?

No! And Jim Norris is going to find that out, just as surely as God made the ether.

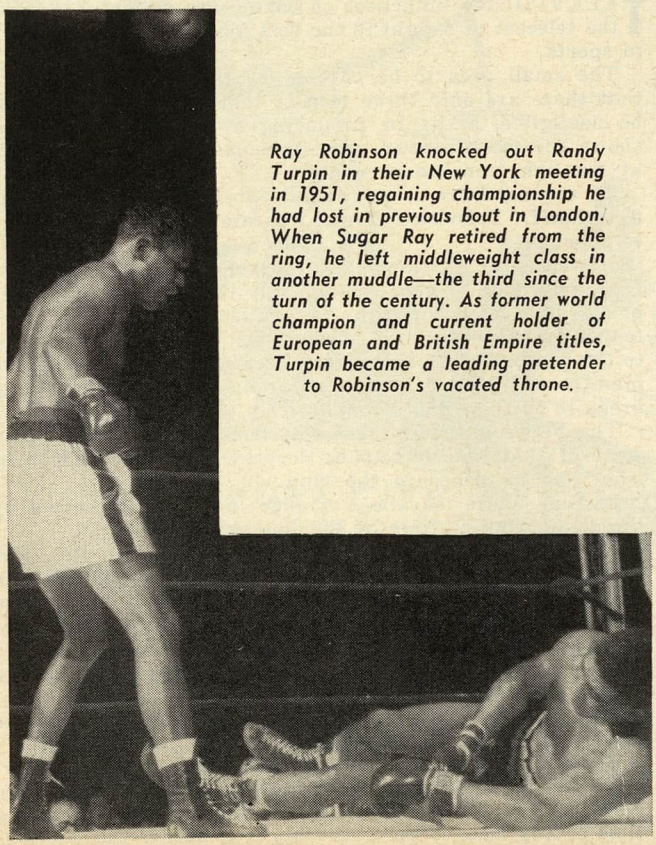
Boxing commissions, once powerful bodies, must apparently fall in line if they want boxing in their state. Even New York is afraid to fight back. New York can get big time boxing back to the great city if it battles the issue.



Stanley Ketchel (left) and Billy Papke square off for one of their historic battles. When Ketchel died in 1910, Papke became leading claimant of vacant title.



In showdown for disputed laurels in 1941, Georgie Abrams, (right), recognized by New York, lost decision in Madison Square Garden to Tony Zale, N.B.A. entry.



Ray Robinson knocked out Randy Turpin in their New York meeting in 1951, regaining championship he had lost in previous bout in London. When Sugar Ray retired from the ring, he left middleweight class in another muddle—the third since the turn of the century. As former world champion and current holder of European and British Empire titles, Turpin became a leading pretender to Robinson's vacated throne.

MIDDLE MUDDLES

By JERSEY JONES

SOME guys just naturally do things the hard way. The simple, obvious procedure is not for them. They must walk around the block to get next door.

Take the current middleweight situation, for instance. This is a problem that could have been settled quickly and decisively. But it's been shaping up as a vast, complicated project, which may produce months of confusion before something approximating a sensible solution is arrived at.

When, at long last, the New York State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association buried their figurative hatchets in less sensitive localities than the skulls of each other, and both organizations agreed to cooperate with the European Boxing Union and the British Board of Boxing Control in an intelligent effort to arrive at a logical and mutually satisfactory solution, the middleweight tangle promised to be unravelled in a hurry.

Ray Robinson had tossed the world championship out into the open market. Randy Turpin of England promptly reached for it. As former world champion, with a win and a loss in a sensational two-bout series with Robinson for the title, Turpin did have a legitimate claim to Ray's discarded laurels. It so happens, however, that boxing championships are not acquired by claims but by performances in actual ring competition. To receive universal recognition as boss of the world's 160-pounders, Turpin would have to beat his strongest rival.

Just who was his strongest rival? The answer appeared to be either Charley Humez of France or Carl (Bobo) Olson of Hawaii. Between them, Charley and Bobo had done a fairly comprehensive job of eliminating the rest of the ranking middleweights.

A simple and logical program would have been to match Humez and Olson, and send the winner in against Turpin.

FROM an American standpoint, however, that may have been logical enough, but it was entirely *too* simple. Even though Olson had established himself as tops among the middleweights operating in the Western Hemisphere, it would not have been sound business to tab him unanimously, with no futher ado, as the New York-N.B.A. representative in the international showdown. An elimination series, with other entries in it besides Olson, would help to enliven the general situation, increase the interest of the populace, and provide promoters and television sponsors with more fights.

It was suggested that, while the American tourney was going on, Turpin and Humez could get together in London or Paris, and settle the European end of the controversy. The winner of that bout could then meet the survivor of the American series in the grand finale for the title.

The original starting cast in the New York-N.B.A. production was tentatively announced as Olson, Ernie Durando and Rocky Castellani. Howls of protest immediately rent the atmosphere. There were no objections to Olson's selection, of course, but the nominations of Durando and Castellani prompted vehement outbursts from other middleweights who felt they were deserving of equal consideration with those two. It was decided to increase the starting lineup by a "few" other entries, but those "few" suddenly became a scrambling mob. It began to look as though anybody and everybody able to make the 160-pound limit was getting into the act. Among them were Paddy Young, Lee Sala, Norman Hayes, Gene Hairston, Walter Cartier Joe Giardello, Joe Giambra, Billy Graham and Bobby Dykes. Even a visiting Frenchman, Pierre Langlois, became an "American" candidate, and the welterweight champion, Kid Gavilan, was demanding admittance.

FORTUNATELY, the fistic fathers called a halt before things got entirely out of control and degenerated into a dizzy free-for-all. They scrapped their revised plans, and returned to the original schedule, with one alteration, Paddy Young replacing Castellani in the starting trio. Young and Durando were paired for Madison Square Garden, with Olson slated to meet the winner, also in the Garden.

Complications, however, developed in the Olson camp. Bobo couldn't see why he should be asked to compete in an elimination. He considered himself the logical American representative in the international showdown, and insisted he'd consider no opponent but Turpin in a one-match payoff for the world title. When he was notified that he'd either meet the Young-Durando winner or be disqualified from the tourney, Olson reluctantly agreed to go through with the arrangement.

Meanwhile, Jack Solomons, in London, decided he couldn't await developments in the American scene. He felt he had a "natural" pairing for the championship in Turpin and Humez, and completed plans to stage the attraction during Coronation Week.

As a result, the trade may be headed for another middleweight muddle.

The British board has already given its official blessing to the Turpin-Humez bout as for the world title, but it's not certain as yet whether or not the move will be approved by its fellow-members in the European Federation. So far as the New York-N.B.A. is concerned, no world champion will be recognized on this side of the Atlantic until the London winner tangles with the American nominee.

THE current jam is the third in which the middleweight division has found itself since the turn of the century. The first followed Stanley Ketchel's tragic passing in 1910 and lasted two and a half years. The second developed in 1931 when Mickey Walker gave up the title to campaign among the light-heavies and heavies. The resultant mess stretched out for ten confusing years before it finally was cleared away.

It was on October 15, 1910, that Ketchel was fatally shot on a Missouri ranch. His main rival Billy Papke, was then en route to Australia. The island continent was enjoying a tremendous boxing boom at the time, and top ringmen from the United States and Europe were doing well for themselves there.

When Papke arrived in Sydney, and heard the news of Ketchel's passing he immediately claimed the title. As a former champion, who had won and lost the laurels in a gruelling four-bout series with Ketchel, Billy figured he was the logical heir to the laurels.

Cyclone Johnny Thompson, another American fighting in Australia, challenged Papke. Promoter Snowy Baker booked the match for the Sydney Stadium, and Thompson pounded out a twenty-round decision on February 11, 1911.

Despite his victory, Thompson was not generally accepted as champion. Johnny didn't make too much of an issue of it, however. He was having weight difficulties, and shortly after his return to the United States he outgrew the division.

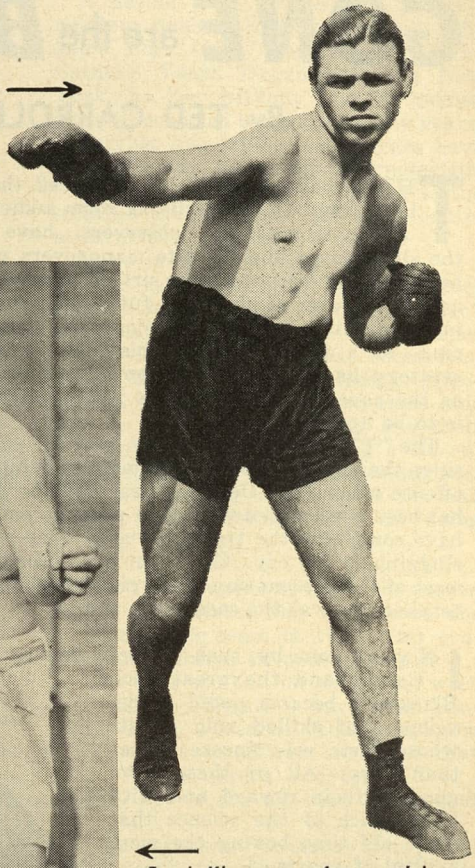
Quite a scramble for the title was going on when Papke, who had travelled to Europe after leaving Australia, arrived home. Billy promptly got into the argument, insisting he still had the best claim to the championship.

On Washington's Birthday, 1912, Papke lost to Frank Mantell in a twenty-rounder in Sacramento, Cal. The bout had been advertised by Promoter Dick McCready as for the title, but Papke argued it was not. Billy maintained the match had been fought over the class weight limit, and the championship was not involved.

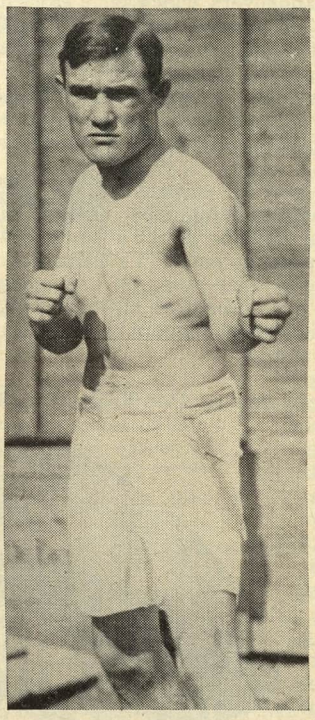
Despite Mantell's protests, Papke continued to bill himself as champion, and most authorites recognized him until March 5, 1913, when he lost to another touring Yank, Frank Klaus, on a disqualification in Paris.

PAPKE had no argument to offer this time. The bout had been fought at weight and under championship conditions, and Klaus was a decisive winner. Realizing he was losing, Papke resorted to rough tactics, and was warned several times before the referee finally ruled him out in the fifteenth round.

Since Klaus had previously knocked out Mantell, and beaten Jack Dillon and Georges Carpentier, he had a legitimate claim to the title, and was accepted as champion when he returned to his native Pittsburgh.



Mickey Walker relinquished title in 1931 and started longest rhubarb in division's history. It was ten years before undisputed champion finally was crowned.



Frank Klaus, one of many claimants to title after Ketchel's death, was recognized as champion when he won on foul from Billy Papke in Paris in 1913.

FOR eighteen years the middleweight title moved along a clear, distinct path. In succession, the champions following Klaus were George Chip, Al McCoy, Mike O'Dowd, Johnny Wilson, Harry Greb, Tiger Flowers and Mickey Walker.

The continuity was shattered when Walker decided, late in 1931, that he wanted to try his luck with bigger opponents. Mickey relinquished the middleweight laurels, and precipitated one of the longest drawn-out messes in boxing history. The New York Commission and the National Boxing Association couldn't get together in an harmonious working agreement, and neither organization paid any attention to what went on in Europe and elsewhere. The result was that everybody had his own "world" champion, and the confusion really was something to behold.

In a ten-year span, the horde of "champions" included Gorilla Jones, Ben Jeby, Lou Brouillard, Vince Dundee, Marcel Thil, Teddy Yarosz, Babe Risko, Freedie Steele, Fred Apostoli, Solly Krieger, Al Hostak, Ceferino Garcia, Ken Overlin, Billy Soose, Georgie Abrams and Tony Zale.

It wasn't until November 28, 1941, that the tangle finally was unravelled. The two leading claimants at the time were Abrams, recognized by New York, and Zale, the N.B.A. entry. Promoter Mike Jacobs brought the rivals together in Madison Square Garden, and Zale punched out a decision in fifteen rounds to become the first undisputed world champion the division had know in a decade.

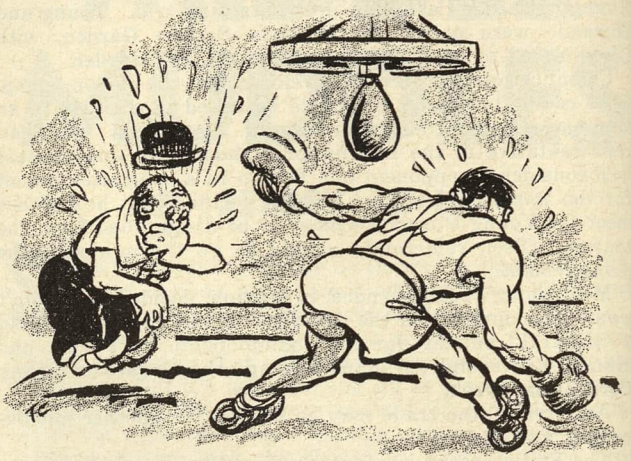
Since then, the title has moved along from Zale to Rocky Graziano, back to Zale, then to Marcel Cerdan, Jake LaMotta, Ray Robinson, Randy Turpin and Robinson again. Now it's on the loose once more. It shouldn't be for long, however. The logical move for all parties concerned would be to get the Turpin-Humez and Olson-Young winners together. But maybe that would be *too* logical for some guys who just naturally do things the hard way.

GONE are the BOXING TEACHERS

By TED CARROLL

THE inroad of "TV" has hastened the decline of skill in boxing. The great living room audience, most of them Johnny-come-lately observers, have little time for the slick moves and delicate manouevers which once caused boxing to be known as the art of self-defense. They want action, however aimless and futile, just so long as there are punches being thrown and plenty of stirring about in the ring. As a direct result of this trend, stamina rather than strategy has come to be a modern fighter's main reliance as the pace must be ceaseless if the vast army of teeveers is to be appeased.

The "TV" onlookers are not entirely responsible for this since the style in boxing started switching from defense to offense when Jack Dempsey first won the public's fancy and has been accelerated with each passing year. "TV" demands have completed the transition and today slugging and more slugging is the cry. Condition has become so all-important most of the present day trainers are conditioners rather than teachers, as was the case years ago.



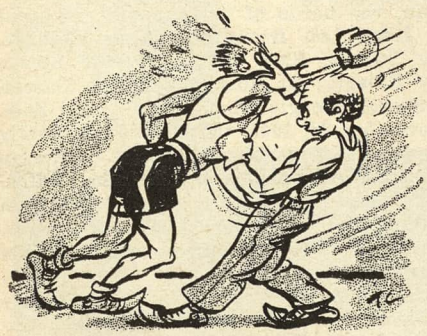
ROCKY MARCIANO WAS JUST A CLUMSY AWKWARD NOVICE.. WHEN HE CAME TO CHARLEY GOLDMAN...

IN years gone by, such perfectionists as Doc Robb, Hymie Cantor and the great Jack Blackburn became noted as developers of skilled ring artists whose forte was finesse rather than fury. All of these have gone to their reward and with them much of the science that made old time boxing the most skillful of sports.

Doc Robb found Benny Leonard a frail and timid tyro, and coached him so well he became one of the great masters of the art of clever boxing. Hymie Cantor's fame never became worldwide but as boxing teacher in various community centers in the old New York Ghetto, he became noted for his ability to tutor aspirants from this one-time boxing hotbed in the finer points of the game. Ruby Goldstein was his most noted product and few fighters had a more complete and effective boxing style than Ruby. If Hymie couldn't add ruggedness to Ruby's physique, that wasn't his fault.

Blackburn's job with Joe Louis is still fresh in the minds of everyone but prior to that, the razor scarred Philadelphian had sent Sammy Mandell to the fistic wars as well equipped to defend himself as any fighter ever was. The former lightweight champion absorbed Blackburn's canny stuff so well, that although completely lacking a punch, he was the best lightweight of his time.

Bill MILLER.. REGARDED AS AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF CLEVER BOXING...



..ALLIE RIDGWAY IS AMONG THE BEST BOXING INSTRUCTORS...

THESE oldtimers would spend hours at a time working on a single move until it was letter perfect. They were precisionists who insisted upon complete obedience and constant practice, and the results showed in the development of such proteges as Leonard and Louis.

Most of the trainers today are excellent conditioners and corner men. They are conscientious and hard working but the number of honest-to-goodness boxing teachers among them is limited.

One of the few to gain renown as an outstanding teacher is old time bantam, Charley Goldman. Goldman rates with any of the old masters as a teacher of boxing. One need look no further than the case of Rocky Marciano for ample proof of this. Goldman performed a minor miracle in transforming Marciano from an over-age, clumsy, short armed novice into one of the most feared punchers in ring history.

ALTHOUGH not as publicized as Goldman most boxing people consider old Bill (Pop) Miller, beret wearing veteran, on a par with Marciano's mentor as an instructor. While wary of Miller's moods and temperament, everyone in the business concedes his ability as one of the few men alive capable of teaching scientific boxing.

Miller, a native of the Virgin Islands, first appeared on the New York scene in the "Twenties" included in the retinue of Tiger Flowers. A wandering fellow in his youth, Miller in his travels had crossed the path of Flowers and his manager, hustling Walk Miller, in the Sunny South. A few years following his arrival north, he turned up in Paris this time with Panama Al Brown with whom he had made a connection during the Panamanian's campaigning in New York's old Commonwealth S. C.

Brown, who had been strictly a puncher in his early fights in the States, underwent a style change once he was exposed to Miller's ideas about boxing. The six-foot bantam learned to use his great height to such clever advantage, he was unbeatable for many years. In his lengthy European stays, he gave away as much as 25 pounds to opponents.

FRANCE became a second home to Brown and Miller, as they gradually mastered the language. Other Americans turned up in Paris too, under the wing of Miller, among them Sunny Jim Williams and big Carl Carter, a middleweight and heavyweight, respectively.

All wound up together in a refurbished dance hall on the

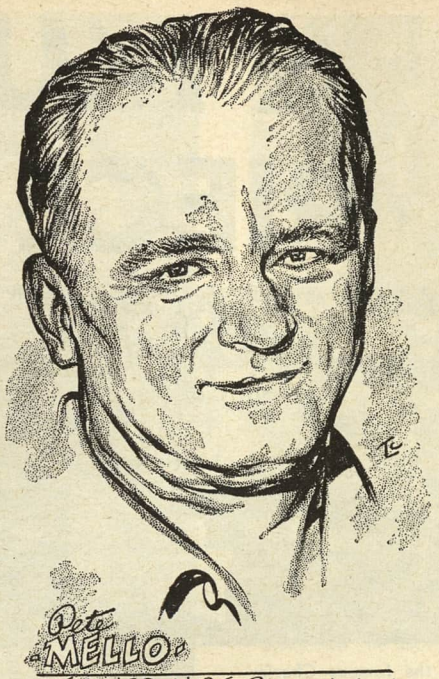
outskirts of Paris which they utilized as a combination living quarters and gymnasium. Who should pop up one day but sharp eyed Leon See, then active in French boxing, with a giant Italian boy called Primo Carnera, in tow.

Carnera, a reformed wrestler, was in the process of being built up by Mons. See and he desired the use of big Carl Carter as a sparmate for the young giant. Primo was much impressed by the left-handing style of Miller's pupils, but had actually seen his first pair of boxing gloves only a short time before.

See contacted Paul Damski, then king-pin promoter of the Continent, and the entire troupe of Williams, Carter and Carnera took off for Berlin. Damski, an adept ballyhoo artist, made much of the fact that Carnera was the biggest man to appear in a Berlin ring, and played him up as a man-killer.

Today, reminiscing over it, Damski, now a successful New York jeweler, discloses, "He turned out to be a little mouse instead. I got the easiest one I could find for him but it was no use. He knew nothing. The people all were disappointed but there was nothing they could do about it. He won, but what a phooey fight it was!"

Back in Paris, Carnera continued to hang around the Americans and absorb points about boxing as taught by Miller. The result of it all was that the big fellow came up with a really proficient left hand, and within a year, was a surprisingly nimble boxer for one of his bulk.



..GAINED WIDE RECOGNITION AS A BOXING COACH FOLLOWING THE U.S. 1952 OLYMPIC TRIUMPH!

SINCE the old days of European barnstorming with Brown, Miller has stuck pretty close to New York. For many years he set the style of boxing followed by members of Harlem's Salem-Crescent club. This organization made a habit of winning the "Daily News Golden Gloves" tournaments year after year.

All the boxers had the same basic style, the greatest exponent being the incomparable Sugar Ray Robinson. Other typical examples of Miller's boxing methods were Sedgwich Harvey, George Brothers, Frankie Williams, and more recently Johnny Saxton. Those familiar with boxing styles are aware that Miller's system stresses the left hand, and plenty of foot work.

Cantankerous at times, and a hard taskmaster, Miller defends his methods with these words uttered in his own personal dialect picked up through residence in many different lands. "In boxing like everyt'ing else, you must work hard. If boy t'ink I too tough, I know he don' like to work hard and there is nothing I can do for him. I stand dem before mirror and let dem see demself.

"Balance—that's important t'ing. In my system you got to have good legs, speed—keep moving all de time. That mean plenty of roadwork.

"I spend hours teaching dem how to block and slip a punch —Charley Goldman is one trainer I see do de same t'ing. When I see trainer do that, I know he not just good cut and corner man. I know he knows his business."

Much of Miller's reputation as a boxing teacher rests upon what he calls his "explainment". "Not many people today can really tell a fighter what to do. I am teaching for 42 years every fighter I ever have know how to take care of himself. None of dem ever get hurt bad in the ring." No one can deny this. Every boxer ever coached by Miller has shown unusual adeptness in avoiding punishment, while at the same time possessing a sharp, varied attack. This is the mark of a man who really knows how to teach the art.

LIKE Miller a long time training standby of the Golden Gloves, New York's Pete Mello barged into prominence last year when the U. S. Olympic team of which he was coach won the team Olympic championship by winning five titles. Mello has been one of the truly competent instructors for years but it took this startling performance by his charges to spotlight his abilities.

A native New Yorker and old time amateur himself, he's been teaching the game since 1927. Working out of the Catholic Youth Organization in New York, he has without fanfare turned out well-schooled boxers for many years. No stylist like Miller, his charges have no particular individual characteristic but have varying styles adapted to the natural abilities and physical equipment of the prospect.

Mello is emphatic about this.

"The reason so many great fighters fail as teachers is they try to teach their own style to every kid that comes along. They all make that same mistake. Benny Leonard, Henry Armstrong, Dempsey all tried to show kids how to do things their way and their way only. I believe in putting a kid out on the floor for a week then looking him over and trying to improve on and develop his natural way of doing things," he says.

EVERYONE wants to know the reason for the outstanding success of the U. S. Olympic team in 1952 after conspicuous failures in past Olympics.

"The kids we had on this team were the most intelligent I have ever handled," Mello reveals. "Did you know that four of the five winners were college boys and that Norvel Lee is a professor. He has several degrees."

In 25 years of coaching, Lee is the all time favorite of Mello's.

"What a gentleman!" he enthuses, "it makes you proud to be around boxing with people like that around you. He got beat in the trials, and we originally planned to use him as just an assistant coach and not a boxer, but when we got over there an opening for a light-heavyweight developed. I didn't think Lee could make the weight, but he's the kind of a fellow who'll do anything you tell him. He took off 19 pounds and got down to 176 and not only won the class final but got the trophy as the perfect Olympic boxer. That was the best decision those Olympic judges ever handed out."

In contrast to Miller, Mello outside of the Olympic trip has stuck pretty close to home. Most of his work has been localized in and around New York. A great man for basic fundamentals he prefers working with novices since an outstanding pro usually requires much individual attention and he is at his best in group development of boxers.

INACTIVE now after a long career in which he won recognition as one of the most capable of the boxing teachers, Jess Harrington was for many years one of the

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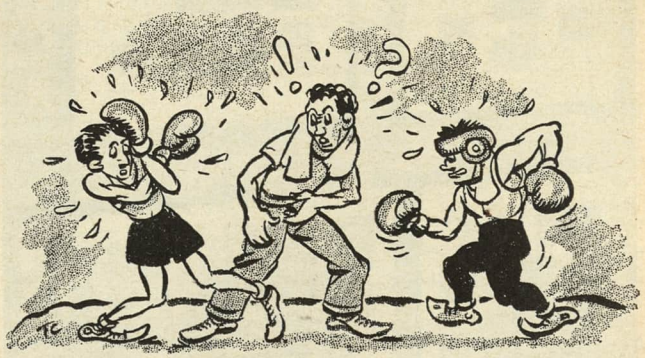
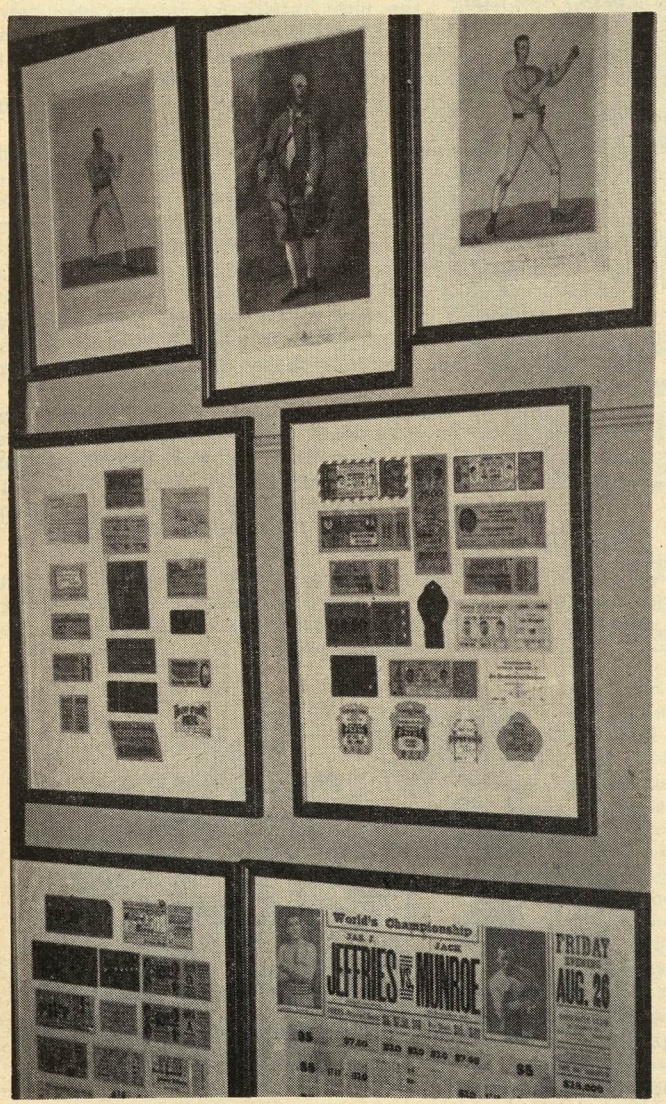


..THE GREAT BENNY LEONARD WAS A FRAIL, TIMID YOUNGSTER WHEN "DOC" ROBB TOOK HIM IN HAND..

A MUSEUM PIECE

By JOHNNY SALAK

Nat Fleischer, Editor of THE RING, holds the famous Charley Mitchell belt, awarded to the English fighter in 1888 after he had battled to a 39-round draw with John L. Sullivan.



A section of one of the walls which are covered with valuable old prints and famous fight tickets. The top row shows paintings of Dutch Sam, Jack Broughton and Nat Langan.

ALL the museums I've ever visited were quiet, stately places where you could hear a sarcophagus drop. But not so with *The Ring* Museum, located in Madison Square Garden in the offices of *The Ring* Magazine where hustle and bustle is a byword.

Waxing enthusiastic about most museums is something that just isn't in everyone but devotees of boxing seem to take a special pride in recalling the gladiators and great contests of the past. Show them anything remotely connected with a fighter and they are off and running. Through the some thirty years that Nat Fleischer has been collecting items for his museum he has amassed personal belongings of well over 200 champions, including those from the earliest days of the British prize ring.

From a Roman cestus found in the ruins of Pompeii, Italy, in 1921, to a watch donated by the current heavyweight champion of the world, Rocky Marciano, the entire history and evolution of the sport is told with many famous and valuable prints, gloves, dumbbells, Indian clubs, punching bags, watches, silks, trophies and many items of the greats and near greats of the game.

THE watch collection alone is a fabulous one and includes the timepieces of such ancients as John C. Heenan, Owney Geoghegan, Jem Mace, John Morrissey, Jem Ward, Bill Poole, Daniel Mendoza, Jere Dunn, Tom Hyer, Ned Price, Tom Sayers, Bold Bendigo, Tom King, and Jem Burke. Some of the watches date back over 300 years.

All odd sizes and shapes they are, with watches also belonging to Bob Fitzsimmons, Tex Rickard, David Belasco, Eugene Corri, Baron Rothschild, Jack Johnson, Joe Louis, Tommy Loughran, Jim Braddock, Marvin Hart, Ann Livingston, Charley Mitchell, John L. Sullivan, Max Baer, Fred Apostoli, Young Griffo, Henry Armstrong, Jim Jeffries, the original Joe Walcott, Mickey Walker, Jack Sharkey, Packey O'Gatty, Jess Willard, Battling Nelson, Jack McAuliffe, Pancho Villa, Max Schmeling, Terry McGovern, Primo Carnera, Georges Carpentier, Pete Herman, Francois Deschamps, Peter Maher, Owen Moran, Sam Langford, Dan McKetrick, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Paulino Uzcudun, George Siler, Paddy Ryan, Jake LaMotta, Ad Wolgast, Tom Sharkey, Tommy Burns, Gus Lesnevich, Billy Conn, Harry Greb, Barney Ross, Kid McPartland, Willie Pep, Jo Longman, Jess Dickson, Gilbert Benaim, Charles Cochrane, Rocky Graziano, Gene Tunney, Johnny Dundee, Luther McCarty, James Cofforth and Charley Harvey. There are numerous others but these are the ones which readily come to mind.

ONE of the really outstanding items in the collection is the solid gold belt offered by the *Johannesburg Sunday Express* as a sign of friendship between South Africa and the United States. It was originally awarded to Petey Sarron

The massive gloves which have been autographed by every boxing celebrity who has visited THE RING in the last ten years.

who defended his featherweight title against Freddie Miller in Johannesburg in 1937, the deed of gift calling for permanent possession of the belt going to the man who successfully defended the title three times. Nat Fleischer has, since that time, added additional panels suitably inscribed with the names of each succeeding champion.

Among other things on display are the 5-lb. old style dumbbells used by John C. Heenan in 1860 when he trained for his bout with Tom Sayers, the first great international heavyweight championship bout; the Indian clubs made of ashwood used by Jim Corbett training for the John L. Sullivan fight in New Orleans in 1892, each weighing three-quarters of a pound; and the personal bible of Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion who was shot to death in 1910 when he was only twenty-four years old.

Included also are life-sized casts of famous fighting fists, most unusual and interesting when one starts comparing them. The great fighters whose imprints were left on the pages of boxing history and whose fist impressions have been left to posterity are Benny Leonard, Barney Ross, Harry Jeffra, Henry Armstrong, Rocky Graziano, Mickey Walker, Joe Louis, Tony Canzoneri, Jack Dempsey, Johnny Dundee, Sammy Angott, old Bob Cunningham (who engaged in the last battle on the turf and the first in a padded ring), Kid Kaplan, Primo Carnera and Jack Johnson. This collection is a study in itself, the fists having been made by Dr. Walter H. Jacobs, a New York dentist.

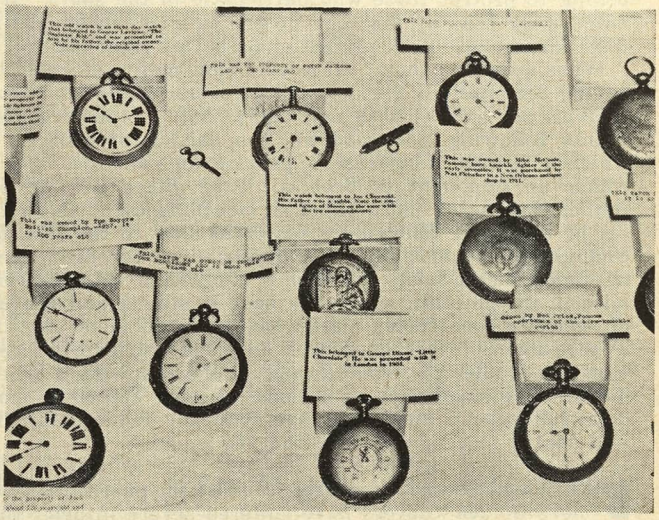
THE prize item, to my mind, is Jack Johnson's personal letter and signed confession that he "laid down to Willard" on that sunny afternoon in Havana, Cuba, on April 5, 1915, sacrificing the world heavyweight title on the promise that he would not be molested any more by the government so that "I would be allowed to return home to see my dear mother—the one thing I wanted."

Addressed to Nat Fleischer, Sporting Editor of the *New York Sun-Press*, Nassau Street, New York, and dated Paris, France, January 2, 1916, the letter and story, Johnson explains, was typed by his wife as "I didn't want to trust anyone with the writing of what I wanted to tell you."

The conclusion of the story has a note in Johnson's handwriting, "This is a true account of what happened in my fight with Jess Willard/I put the blame just it belongs/yours truly/former champion/Jack Johnson/January 27, 1916."

It later was surmised and generally agreed that the confession was a false one. But who can deny, seeing the photo

A corner of the world famous museum. A statue of Jake Kilrain stands on the showcase; the silks of Tom Sayers are at bottom, center.



Just a few of the over 200 time pieces belonging to famous sporting celebrities. In the center, foreground, is the watch presented to George Dixon in London in 1904.

of Johnson shading his eyes from the sun in the twenty-sixth round, that perhaps he was giving the real story of that fight to Nat Fleischer.

A practice no longer in existence in this country and all but died out in the country of its origin—England—that of fighters having their colors and silks, has a prominent position in *The Ring* Museum.

There we see the gaudy and multi-colored silks of such famous ring men as John L. Sullivan, Charles (Kid) McCoy, Jake Kilrain, Jem Driscoll, Spike Sullivan, Tom Sayers, Ted Pritchard, Pedlar Palmer, Charley Mitchell, Harry Harris, Frank Craig, and a fragment of John C. Heenan's colors used in his famous bout with Sayers. The most recent colors are those of Jack Petersen, the British and Empire heavyweight champion of the early 1930's.

Many things belonging to Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons, the old triple titleholder, are in the collection including, no less, one of his silk top hats. A blacksmith by trade, one of the most valuable is a horseshoe made and autographed (actually engraved) by Fitz on the day he won the heavyweight title from Jim Corbett.

POSSIBLY the most imposing thing in the museum is the famous Charley Mitchell championship belt awarded to him when he fought a 39-round draw with John L. Sullivan

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Deaths Reach a New High Among Amateurs

Guild's Mandate May Bring Court Action

Commissions Unite to Ban Return Bouts

SINCE our April issue went to press, five more ring deaths have been added to the list of ring fatalities that have shocked the world. Not in a half century of my coverage of the boxing beat have so many deaths been recorded in so short a time as from the start of the year to the present. It is shocking—yes, appalling!

With so many fatalities, one can readily understand the cry that has been raised against boxing by the reform element. Apparently, not enough has been accomplished by the responsible parties in both amateur and professional boxing to protect those who participate in the sport. It is noteworthy that of the nine deaths to date, seven victims were amateurs. Both professionals hailed from Mexico.

What does this show? It proves that more and more the boxing commissions are devising ways and means to curtail injuries and deaths with new equipment, compulsory eight counts following a knockdown, the halting of contests in which a fighter is outclassed, putting an end to a fight in which an opponent is dropped three times in any one round, the use of more effective mouthpieces to check the jar of the brain following a powerful blow to the jaw, the compulsory use of eight-ounce gloves in all contests except in championship bouts in which it is optional with the commission in the state where the bout is staged and the use of specially constructed mats with foam rubber or ensolite. These among other measures such as periodic encephographic studies of boxers, examinations following a knockout and the suspension of a boxer's license for 30 or more days following a knockout, have definitely reduced injuries and deaths to a minimum in the pro ranks.

BUT how about the amateurs? During the past three years more Golden Glovers have suffered severe injuries than ever in the history of boxing. Why this sudden turn? The answer is simple.

Those in control of Golden Glove tourneys throughout the country have been harping on quantity rather than quality. Any lad who never had a glove on his hands can enter a Golden Glove tourney as a sub-noviee if he can pass a physical examination.

Thus boys who don't know the art of self-defense, who haven't had sufficient experience in warding off an heavy attack and who lack a knowledge of boxing, are permitted to engage in a sport that requires more than mere guts. The promoters of Golden Glove tournaments seek a huge entry. They get it.

But they obtain entries of lads who don't fit into the competition. That, in my opinion, is responsible for the seven deaths this year. It is shocking. I have watched Golden Glovers perform and for every hardy, well-primed boxer, one who can meet the requirements, there are a dozen inexperienced lads whose woeful exhibitions make one wonder why they are permitted to compete before obtaining proper experience!

The Golden Gloves have developed many excellent fighters. They have graduated lads who have become world champions. They should be continued but we must not continue to seek entries in huge numbers in order to carry out a two months program. Let's curtail the program and use only boys who have had a definite amount of training that fits them into the picture.

The latest deaths were in Chicago and Lancaster, Pa. In the Windy City James Jones, 22, suffered a skull fracture and brain hemorrhage while training in a gym for a Golden Gloves bout and in Lancaster a teen-age lad, 17-year-old Clifton Johnson, knocked out in a Golden Gloves bout with Charles Cator, collapsed and died. Last year there were seventeen deaths in boxing. How many will we have in 1953? Judging from the record to date, this year is likely to be a record breaker.

IN Belgium and in Germany the legislators are attempting to pass measures that will prohibit amateur and professional pugilism and in the States, many sermons against boxing have been preached as a result of the many recent ring casualties. But this cry is nothing new. We have had it year in and out.

If boxing is brutal as the gentleman who introduced the measure to abolish the sport in Belgium recently declared because of three deaths in England, then all other sports should be classed in the same category for there is no form of manly exercise which the Grim Reaper has not touched.

Deaths from over-exertion in cycling, handball, baseball, track running, motor cycling and horse racing occur frequently yet there is no outcry against the continuation of these forms of recreation.

As against the attacks on the boxing arena, we have the writings of the world's best known novelists, men who have made the world better by the teaching of doctrines based on manliness in every act of life. There is William Thackeray, Conan Doyle, Ernest Hemingway, Charles Dickens, George Bernard Shaw and Jeffrey Farnol among many other world renowned authors who frequently used the prize ring for the basis of their stories.

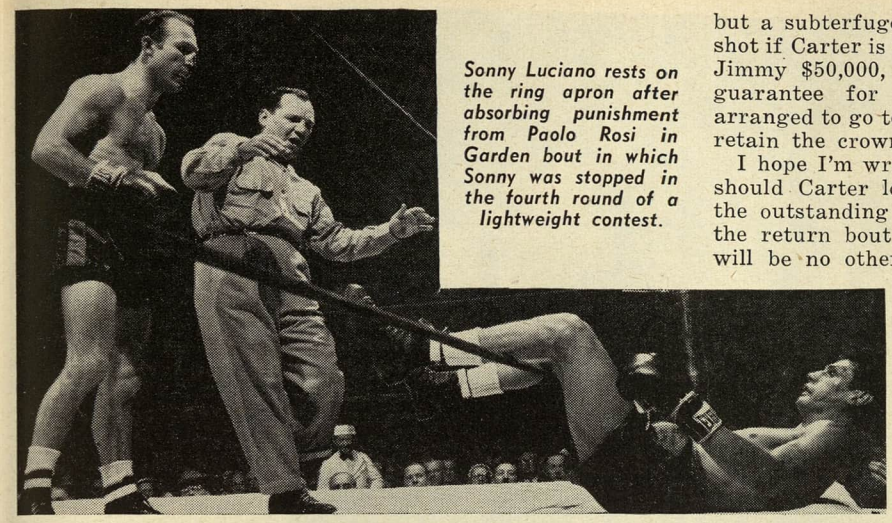
The author of "Tom Brown's Schooldays," made the world better by his teachings. He was kind, gentle, manly in everything, and yet he encouraged boxing because it gave the weak a weapon to defend themselves against the strong; because it did much to wipe out the carrying of firearms or knives to use in case of attack.

Thackeray always said that he could not read the report of the Heenan-Sayers fight without a feeling of pride—a feeling that it was such athletic contests that made England the great nation she was in the world. He was a strong believer in the principle that so long as you cultivate manhood in the individual, so long would the nation be strong.

SOME years ago, when Theodore Roosevelt, a boxing enthusiast, was interviewed by me for *The New York Press* of which I was then a reporter remarked:

"I like to see boxing matches. I'm fond of the sport. I engage in it as a pastime and was on the Harvard boxing team. I detest this namby-pambyism, this sentimental journalism, these moralists who are so shocked and who write editorials against boxing everytime a fight of national interest takes place or when a man is knocked down in a fair stand-up fight. The nations that stand up in that way are not the nations that stab men in the back with daggers. They are the nations that meet the enemy face to face.

"God grant that there shall not come again to us war in this great land of ours. But if it does come, it will be the representatives of just such young men as engage in boxing that will carry our flag with honor and with glory to the front."



Sonny Luciano rests on the ring apron after absorbing punishment from Paolo Rosi in Garden bout in which Sonny was stopped in the fourth round of a lightweight contest.

HOW true that prediction came when Germany attacked the world in 1917. America wasted no time.

The call to arms also brought out a call by the various branches of our armed forces for professional boxers to become teachers at camps to prepare the rookies for the front lines. The boxing they taught aided the boys in the proper use of the bayonets and many Americans were saved from death because they knew how to engage in hand-to-hand fighting.

It is only natural for me to uphold the sport with which I have been associated as a writer for half a century. Professional pugilists strive for money. The amateurs strive to win a coveted medal. But each has the same objective—to gain victory.

Whether amateur or professional, they receive the same close physical examinations prior to entering the ring. Precautions are taken to prevent the unfortunate deaths and injuries that have piled up—particularly this year.

Boxing when properly conducted has its place in the category of legitimate sport.

Let's continue to make it safer if such is possible but by all means, let's not go haywire and demand its abolition because of an unfortunate mishap. The elements of danger exist in boxing as in all other sports and recreation. Let's not make boxing the sole target.

HOW gullible can Boxing Commissions be?

Do the members of the Executive Board of the N.B.A. on world championships and Bob Christenberry of the New York Board really believe that if Tommy Collins relieves Jimmy Carter of the world lightweight crown he will face George Araujo in a title bout within 90 days?

Silly, indeed, when the members of the Championship Board are aware, as is the public, that a contract exists between Collins and Carter stipulating that if Collins defeats Carter he will give Carter a return bout within 60 days. Such contract exists and the ruling bodies are aware of it.

And then suppose that Carter regains the crown? What about a return engagement with Collins which surely will be demanded by the Bostonian's mentors.

Strange indeed are the workings of those in control of boxing these days!

Though the New York Commission on behalf of the Championship Board of the N.B.A. and N. Y., insisted on having Carter and Collins deposit $5,000 each to show their good faith in meeting the choice of that Board in a title match within 90 days after the Boston championship bout is staged, since Araujo's name does not appear in the agreement, wasn't that purposely done to protect Carter as the leading challenger for the return bout should Collins win?

And why did Jim Norris instead of the fighters deposit the money? Because neither fighter had any intention of binding himself to a title defense against Araujo. They wanted to be free to act as they pleased and will do exactly that. Norris was simply protecting the I.B.C. and the television sponsor from having the fight spiked at the last moment by the N.B.A.-N. Y. Championship Board.

To this writer the entire program seems to be nothing but a subterfuge. In my opinion Araujo will get the title shot if Carter is victor, only if he or the I.B.C. will guarantee Jimmy $50,000, the sum he demanded and received as a guarantee for the Boston fight. Carter has already arranged to go to Hawaii for an overweight match should he retain the crown.

I hope I'm wrong but as things shape up at this writing, should Carter lose, he, not Araujo, will be designated as the outstanding contender so that Collins can give Jimmy the return bout which their contract calls for, and there will be no other fight for the crown within the 90 days limit set by the commissions.

HOW low can one go?

That's what the I.B.C. tried to figure out after checking on the returns of the Araujo-Red Top Davis fight in the Arena of Cleveland. In an effort to bolster the attendance and gate the regular $2.50 seats were lowered to $1, the lowest for any major fight arena in America, yet the attendance was only 6,319. It was hoped that by cutting the admission price, the fight would draw a capacity house of 12,500 with receipts of $25,000. But the gate amounted to $10,060.

Does television hurt boxing? Well, ask the International Boxing Club and those who control boxing in the major cities. The experiment at the Cleveland Arena is an answer. And the latest report from Ohio is another. Twelve boxing clubs throughout the states which staged shows prior to the national television of fights had closed their doors during the past 15 months.

The only way that promoters can draw in the fans in large numbers despite television is to stop feeding the public with ordinary fights. The paying fans will remain such only if assured of high class attractions—main events plus an attractive undercard. That was proved three times in recent weeks in Madison Square Garden. When the attraction was such that aroused public interest, the House that Tex Built looked as it did in the good days of boxing. When ordinary cards were booked, two-thirds of the Garden was empty.

The answer—let's have more top-notch attractions for the major arenas and let the small clubs handle contests that don't belong to places like Madison Square Garden, the Chicago Stadium, the Cleveland Arena, the Detroit Olympia and the St. Louis Arena among others.

THE war between the New York Managers' Guild and the International Boxing Managers' Guild is over. The battle that kept many of the nation's newly developed boxers from fighting in various parts of the country because the managers of such talent were not members of the International Guild, ended when the New York Guild threw in the sponge and agreed to dissolve. But this dissolution does not mean that the New Yorkers who fought the International body will now be welcomed into the new organization. Only those who are active managers and are passed upon favorably will be acceptable.

Charges of discrimination continue. Cries are heard that the International Guild's leading figures continue to have a strangle hold on the sport in America and that no fighters who are not closely associated with the big shots of the I.B.C. get any more of an opportunity now than heretofore to show in the big money. But until proof of such discrimination can be furnished that can hold up, however, we must string along with the assertion of the New York Commission that investigated such charges that no reason for any action against the International body has been disclosed.

For the best interest of national boxing we hope that the house divided against itself will be united into one harmonious, strong body. Such a union can do much good for pugilism if hatred, and jealousy, are forgotten. Discrimination and restraint of trade cannot and will not be tolerated.

The year's battle of the rival organizations did much harm to the sport. Youngsters who could have helped create a new interest in boxing were kept idle through subterfuge excuses and as a result, they decided to enter other fields to make a living. We hope that the New York

Guild members who apply for membership in the International Guild will not find the door slammed. Those who are active managers, those whose records warrant it, should be accepted. Let bygones be bygones and let's have a new, clean slate.

AS a result of the action of the New York Managers' Guild, the International organization now intends to extend its work to other countries. Already arrangements have been completed to have a branch in France and one in England. Fred Bretonnel, who has visited this country frequently, has been asked to organize the French Managers' Guild. It is the aim of the International organization through these foreign agencies to have absolute control over all foreign and American boxers so that contracts for appearances either in this country or abroad will have to be made through the International Managers' Guild.

Members of the International Boxing Managers' Guild in session in New York to discuss the effects of Television on small clubs. Standing, left to right—Bill Daly, vice-president and Willie Ketchum, manager of world lightweight king Jimmy Carter. Front row, left to right—Jack Kearns, general manager of the International Guild; Charley Johnston, manager of champions Archie Moore and Sandy Saddler and Max Waxman, president of the Guild's New York chapter.

The first step in the reorganization of the I.B.G. was to hold a national convention in New York where the delegates of the various state guilds conferred on national television problems. It was decided that starting with June 15, the Guild will insist on the payment of $10,000 minimum for the main event, each of the principals to receive $5,000. This was passed unanimously.

It was the opinion of the delegates that the fighters were being underpaid, considering the large sums paid by sponsors for the television of fights, and that there is too much telecasting of bouts. The Guild demanded that network television be curtailed to four nights a week to give the smaller clubs around the country an opportunity to survive.

The delegates announced that all contracts for televised bouts would have to be passed on by the International Guild and that any promoter who booked fights under the fee of $5,000 for each of the headliners would be boycotted and the managers signing for such promoter would be ousted.

BOXING is headed for trouble, there can be no doubt of that based on the action of the Guild. Many clubs will be forced to shut their doors due to the high fee demanded from television.

The demand of the I.B.G. for a minimum fee of $5,000 for each main event fighter on a network television show and to limit network boxing shows to four per week, already have had repercussions among advertisers and networks that have sponsored and put on boxing shows. The U. S. Government has been furnished with data to show that the I.B.G. is acting in restraint of trade.

At the same time, networks are working on plans to stage shows with non-I.B.G. talent, and if there should be any interference, the U. S. Courts will be asked to interpret the actions of the International Guild as an attempt in restraint of trade. The statement issued by Charley Johnston, president of the Guild, following the vote at the Convention, "if we don't get what we want there'll be no boxers available for any shows," has been furnished U. S. authorities by the television interests.

Looks like there'll be some hot doings before the summer is over. The networks for a long time have been considering pulling away from the ordinary routine of matchmaking by doing away with the middleman. The way things are now shaping up, it seems that the time has arrived for such action. It behooves the I.B.G. to be on guard lest managers will find themselves minus their profitable vocation. The I.B.G. has paved the way for the network executives to put across what they have threatened for some time.

DAN MORGAN has turned author with the aid of John McCallum of the N.E.A. Feature Syndicate. In an interesting Book, "Dumb Dan", the veteran manager who handled Jack Britton and K. O. Brown among many other stars, tells many tales of fighters and fights of the "good old days." The book was written by McCallum from a tape recording, and has been published by Tedson Publishing Co., N. Y. City ($2).

If you want a laught get it through "Dumb Dan." He's a good story teller.

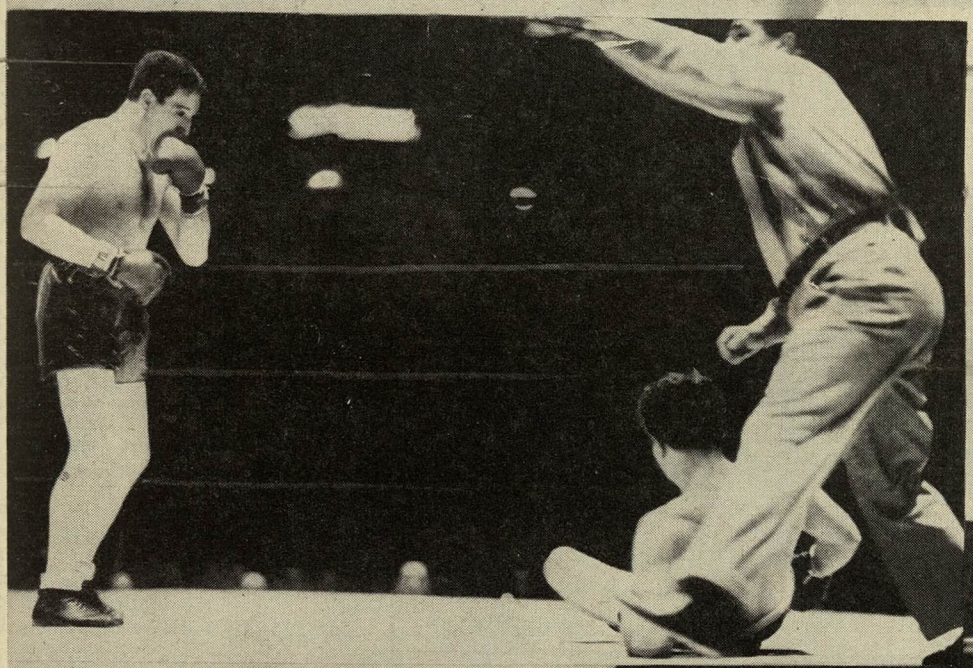
Another of the old timers, well known in national boxing circles, died in Rochester recently. William P. (Bill) Roche, former manager and hotel proprietor, died on March 20 at the age of 70. It was in his gymnasium in the basement of his hotel that many of Rochester's leading boxers got their start including Mike Conroy, Rocky Scott and Mike Dempsey.

The past month has been one of upsets in the roped square, the biggest of which was the defeat of Percy Bassett, the N.B.A. interim featherweight champion, by Dave Gallardo. In others, Gil Turner was outpointed by Joe Giardello in an overweight match, Corky Gonzales gained the verdict over Gene Smith and Bill Bossio beat Miguel Berrios.

As we go to press, *The Ring* Editor has flown to Paris where he will report the annual European Boxing Federation Convention. From there he will fly to Italy, Belgium and Holland to gather boxing news and then on to London for the Coronation and the Turpin-Humez fight.

Lou (Yogi Man) Nova, one-time contender for the world heavyweight championship who did some neat cutting down with his fists, looks even more fierce as he plays the part of an executioner in the current movie, "Salome." He fought Joe Louis for the title in 1941. Nova has tried his hand at many things since quitting the ring, among them newspaper reporting, radio and television work and acting. As a Thespian Lou has done well.

FAMOUS FIGHTS



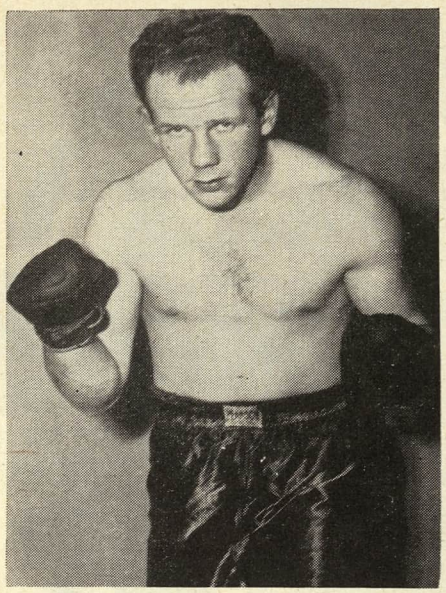
(Above) Proving that two previous victories in non-title bouts were no accidents, Teddy Yarosz (left) wrested middleweight championship from Vince Dundee in their third meeting. The bout, over the 15-round distance, was held in Pittsburgh on September 11, 1934, and Yarosz won on points.

(Above) Only the fact that bout was fought over class limit deprived Jock McAvoy of England from becoming world middleweight champion when he annihilated Babe Risko in one round in Madison Square Garden on December 20, 1935. McAvoy battered Risko to canvas six times before finishing him at 2:48.

Marcel Thil (on canvas) wasn't so fortunate in his first meeting with Britisher Len Harvey. He lost 15-round decision in London in 1927. Five years later, with European version of disputed world middleweight title at stake, Thil evened the score by outpointing Harvey in another 15-rounder in Paris.

New faces

By
LEW ESKIN



Bobby Brandt, a red-headed socker whose KO punch makes him a crowd pleaser.

COMING of Age is a term used to mark the time a boy becomes a man. Four young fighters who have reached that mark are: Dixon Hoxey, Seattle lightweight; Billy Mack, Bayonne, heavyweight; Johnny Busso, New York, welterweight, and Bobby Brandt, Philadelphia, heavyweight.

Johnny Busso

A GOOD-looking curly-haired young welterweight from the sidewalks of New York's East Side who is making strides in the fistic game is Johnny Busso.

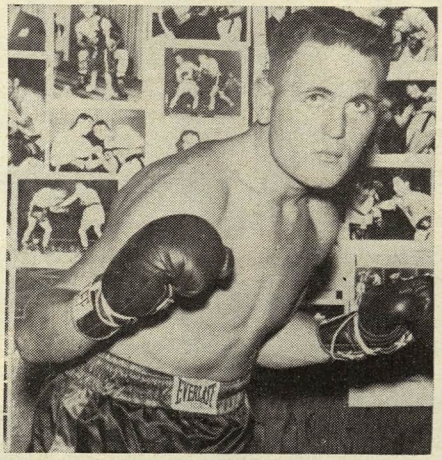
Johnny first took up boxing as a ten-year-old seventy-five pounder at the Madison Square Boys club, but he aspired to be a baseball player and soon forgot all about boxing. At Seward Park High, Johnny starred in baseball, and was also on the football and basketball squads.

After his graduation Johnny went to work with his father who is a custom jewelry jobber. He spent his leisure time playing sandlot baseball and hoping that he might get a chance to become a professional player.

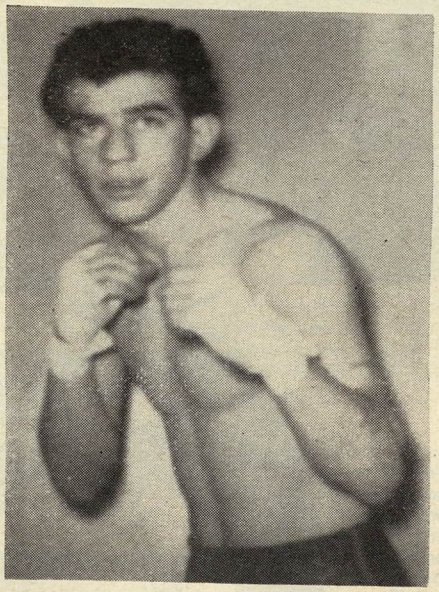
One night Johnny and his friends were playing pool and kiddingly one of the boys said that he would enter the Golden Gloves if the other would. So the whole gang went to the Empire A.C. and signed up. Johnny was the only one that made any sort of a showing, scoring four wins before losing out in the semi-finals of the 135-pound Sub-Novice class.

Turning professional last December under the management of Andy Alberta at Sunnyside Gardens in Queens, his action style has made him a big favorite there where he has won all of his nine fights. Among his victims are Earl Dennis, Mike Estrado, Rudy Rocco and Frankie Ippolito. Before being kayoed by Busso, Ippolito was also undefeated.

Standing five foot eight, this 19-year-old belter appears to be headed for the big time.



Dixon Hoxey, hard-punching young lightweight thrill provider, from Seattle.

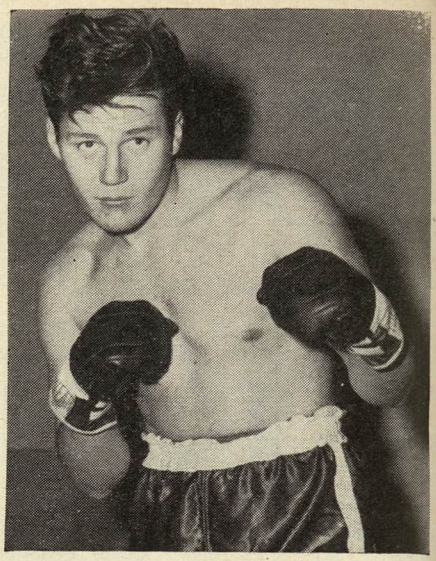


Johnny Busso, promising youngster from New York's East Side, a fast-punching welterweight.

Dixon Hoxey

AN ex-leatherneck who has made the pugilistic followers in the Northwest stand up and take note is Dixon Hoxey, Seattle, Washington, lightweight.

Dix was an outstanding amateur in 1948 and 1949 winning all of his twenty-six bouts, twenty-two of them by knockouts. Joining the Marines in 1950 he served 18 months. Following his discharge he put himself under the management of Jack Hurley and George Chemeres.



Billy Mack, clever Irish youngster, with the action style that fans love.

He spent the next six months in the gym learning the finer points of the sport. Dix turned pro on October 30, 1952, with a two-round knockout over Terry Doyle. Since then this five foot eight dynamiter has six straight knockouts over: Dave Clouse, Rockjaw Johnson, Woody Willetts, Ace Hestekind, Bobby Lee Davis, and Maurice Boyd. These victories all scored within four rounds earned Dixon the prospect of the month in the April Issue of *The Ring*.

Only twenty-one, his finesse in taking advantage of his opponents mistakes is far above the experience of a beginner.

Bobby Brandt

ONE of the hardest punchers to come across the fistic horizon in recent years is a "Pennsylvania Dutchman" from the Kensington section of Philadelphia. His name is Bobby Brandt. A name you will soon be hearing a lot about.

This 23-year-old truck driver took up boxing after a high school athletic career that saw him star in both football and soccer. As an amateur he scored only four kayos in winning nine of his eleven bouts.

Turning pro on April 26, 1952, he kayoed Billy Williams in one round. In his next fight he was stopped himself in the first round. Since then he has won nine of his ten bouts, all by knockouts, six within the first two rounds.

A wicked puncher with either hand this six foot, strawberry blond, started out as a light-heavyweight, but has been growing steadily and is now a full fledged heavy. Among his kayo victims are: Bill Lewis, Don Alva, Jan Henri, Bob Shannon, Paul Johnson, Dick Lynch, and Jimmy Ayres.

A real gone hep-cat, Bobby loves to listen to hot music and owns a large collection of jazz records, mostly "Dixieland". When he retires from the ring he is going to open a restaurant and hire the best jazz band he can find.

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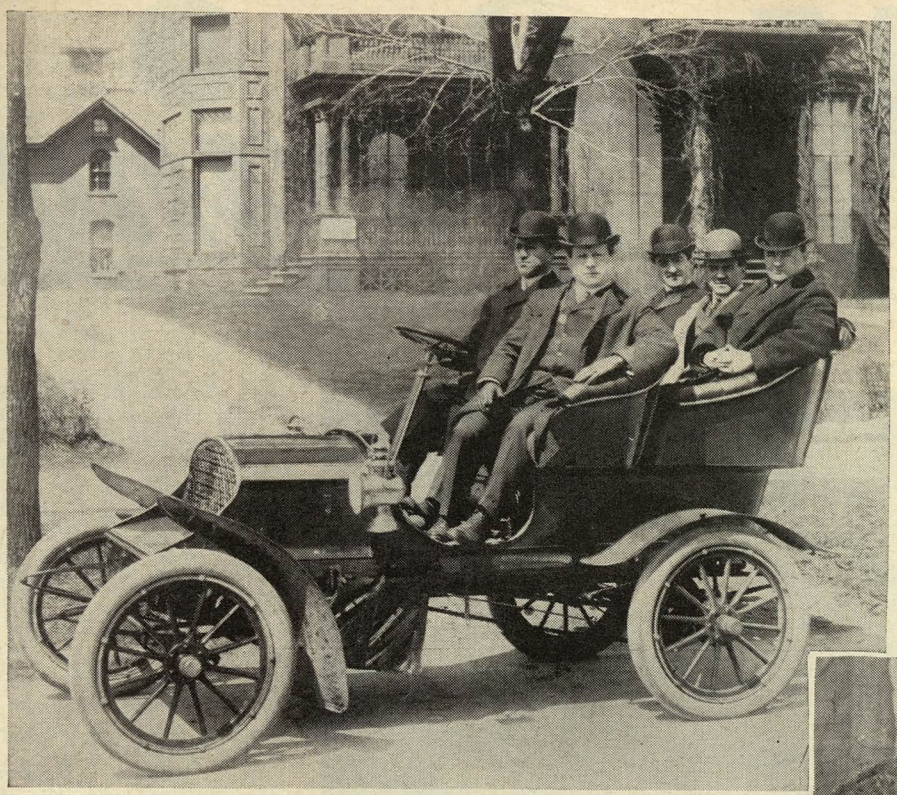
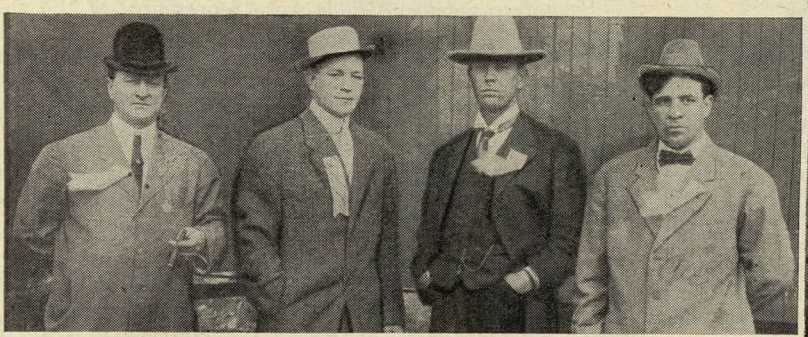
Old Timer's Album



Ever one to keep abreast of the time, featherweight champion Terry McGovern (in rear seat, flanked by Managers Sam Harris and Joe Humphreys) goes for a spin in one of those new-fangled horseless carriages, circa 1901.



Last photograph of Stanley Ketchel, taken at a political rally in Joplin, Mo., in October, 1910, a few days before he was fatally shot. Ketchel (second from left) is seen with Col. R. P. Dickerson, Emmett Dalton and Joe Herman.

One of outstanding fight "stables" of a half-century ago was handled by Al Herford of Baltimore (upper left). In front row are Joe Gans, Herman Miller, Young Peter Jackson and Eddie Lenny. To Herford's left are Gus Coblens, Ed McLaughlin, Raymond Coates and Jim Dougherty.

Chopping wood was a regular part of training program of Frank Moran, husky Pittsburgh blond, whose deadly right hand, dubbed "Mary Ann," created havoc in heavyweight ranks during dizzy White Hope era.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE International Boxing Managers Guild tossed a scare into the boxing world and sponsors who are paying the freight for the various local and network telecasts of boxing shows throughout the country when at a recent meeting held at the Hotel Edison in New York they announced that they had set a minimum fee of $5,000 for each main event fighter on a network television show, effective June 15.

This announcement and the effective date coincides with the two big network shows whose contracts with the promoters expire around the first of June. The verbal agreement the International Boxing Club and the Guild have extends through May 31.

Jack Drees, who handles the running commentary of televised fights from Rainbo Arena (WBKB-TV) in Chicago, takes over for Russ Hodges on the Pabst Wednesday series when Hodges covers the N. Y. Giants.

The I.B.G. delegates also voted to limit network boxing shows to four a week. At present there are more than half a dozen shows TV'd each week which are carried on from two to several score stations.

Charley Johnston, president of the Guild, said, "If we don't get what we want there'll be no boxers available for any shows." Members of the Guild control almost all of the "name" fighters in the country. The annual cry of Guild members then came up when Johnston continued: "The fighters are underpaid. The networks are paying some actors $20,000 and $25,000 a week. That's only part of the cost. With boxing all they've got to do is move in the cameras and they're all set. The boxers provide the action." Johnston should have added "usually."

Boxing bouts are telecast every night of the week except Sunday over "networks" of two or more stations. The minimum fees paid to each main eventer ranges from the $3,600 for the I.B.C. Friday night program (NBC-TV) down to the $500 paid for Thursday night fights (ABC-TV) from Detroit's Motor City Arena. Local stations videoing bouts pay each main eventer from $190 (Laurel Garden, Newark, WATV) to $241 (Rainbo Arena, Chicago, Monday, WBKB-TV).

"Only four network shows a week will be permitted," said Johnston. "By network we mean any hookup of two or more cities. We don't know yet which nights will be open, but there will be two days during the week in which there will be no network fight cards. Those two days will be given over to the small clubs."

REACTION to the events of this meeting left sponsors, managers (even Guild members) and promoters perplexed. Of the many shows, only two no doubt would be able to meet the figure demanded by the IBG. Others wanted to know where the Guild got their definition of a network. Some, who had been losing money and were just now beginning to win TV fans into the arenas, were set to toss in the sponge. One scoffed and dared the Guild or anyone else to tell him whether he could televise his show or not.

"We couldn't meet such a charge," said Tex Sullivan, director of the Tuesday night show (ABC-TV) from Ridgewood Grove in Brooklyn. "We've only got two stations. We'll probably fold." Sullivan's show pays each feature fighter $1,500 for TV.

Teddy Brenner, matchmaker for Eastern Parkway Arena, which telecasts Monday nights, said, "I don't think a set fee of $5,000 should be charged. Maybe in some cases it should be $10,000. I think the best way to handle a charge would be to assess so much for each city on a network."

The Eastern Parkway bouts, videoed over the DuMont Network, is not a coaxial cable show which goes coast-to-coast like the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night affairs but is a regional cable show.

Seventeen member Guilds were represented at the meeting. Among those present were Charley Johnston, president of the International Guild; Jack Kearns, vice-president; Max Waxman, president of the New York chapter; Bill Daly, secretary-treasurer; Willie Ketchum, manager of lightweight champion Jimmy Carter; John Scavone, head of the New Jersey Guild; Charles Martin, Eastern States representative; George Parnassus, Los Angeles representative for the Western and Mid-Western States; and Lou Gross, president of the Pennsylvania chapter.

PARNASSUS said that telecasting of bouts has greatly reduced the number of fight clubs, and that it was difficult for a boxer to get more than nine or ten fights a year, half the number he formerly could get. Moreover, Parnassus contended, a bad showing on television ruined a fighter all over the country for some months and he should be compensated for these losses.

Daly said the $5,000 minimum would be strictly enforced, and others went on to state that the fighters would go on strike if their demands were not met. The opinion was further expressed that any Guild member who let his boxer fight for less on a coaxial cable show would be "kicked out of the Guild and boycotted."

For several years now the Guild members have issued all sorts of demands prior to coming to a compromise agreement with the promoters who must in turn bargain with the network sponsors.

While the new Guild has now branched out into a national organization and is in a much stronger position we do not doubt that they will concede many of their demands once they have won their point of receiving a $5,000 minimum from at least two of the weekly shows. They couldn't do otherwise anyway.

JACK DREES, who is currently spelling Russ Hodges on the Wednesday night Pabst presentations (CBS-TV) while the latter follows the baseball trail, ranks among the finer crop of young boxing TV commentators.

Drees, born in Chicago, Ill., February 8, 1917, attended the University of Iowa, 1934–38, playing center on the basketball team and winning All-Conference honors. He

began his radio work as a sports announcer on the university radio station and upon graduation was hired as assistant sportscaster for the Chicago Cubs and White Sox broadcasts over WJJD, Chicago. Around this time Drees was also broadcasting the Chicago Bears football games, horse racing, collegiate football, basketball and had a weekly boxing program.

His first association with Pabst Blue Ribbon was as a broadcaster of the Bears' schedule over WENR (Chicago) in 1940. Russ Hodges, Harry Wismer and Drees subsequently teamed to broadcast the Bears-Washington Redskin championship game over Mutual for Pabst. Hodges, at that time, was doing the Redskin games.

Drees went into service as an Ensign (USNR) in 1942 and was assigned as a gunnery officer, Armed Guard Duty, which supplied Navy gun crews to merchant shipping. He served in all theaters of operations, with runs to South America, Europe, Africa, the Persian Gulf, Eniwetok, Peleliu Island and other islands in the Pacific. He was in service 33 months, 30 months of it being sea duty, and was discharged as a lieutenant.

Following the war, Drees became Radio-TV director of the Arlington Park and Washington Park race tracks and then became promotional director and subsequently general manager of the Los Angeles Dons in the now-defunct all-America professional football conference. He also continued free-lance announcing.

Drees, who was keeping quite busy, renewed his association with Pabst when they purchased the rights for 13 weeks of racing broadcasts over N.B.C. in 1950. He teamed with Don Ameche for half-hour broadcasts from Arlington and Washington Park in Chicago and the Aqueduct race track in New York. When Pabst went into boxing, Russ Hodges and Drees handled the radio broadcasts of the fights.

Drees also became narrator for Sportsvision, Inc., producers of network TV films on sports which include the Big Ten game of the week, the Big Seven game of the week and the All-American game of the week.

Currently he is doing a sports show on WBKB-TV in Chicago, plus the boxing shows from Rainbo Arena on the same station (Mondays) in addition to taking over for Russ Hodges on the Pabst Wednesday night shows when Russ is covering the New York Giants on TV.

Drees was named the outstanding Mid-West football announcer by sportswriters in 1940, was ranked the outstanding Pacific Coast football announcer by the *Los Angeles Daily News* in 1949 and was named the best racing announcer in America by the *Daily Racing Form*, the official racing publication.

We predict that Drees will soon be adding new honors to his many credits, this time in the TV-boxing field.

MORE than casual interest is being taken by TV film producers in the potentials of utilizing existing natural or permanent sets to greater advantage as a big coin-saver over building original sets for shows.

The filmsters were particularly impressed by the arrangements made by a new theatrical film company, Federated Films, which wound up its shooting of "The Joe Louis Story." About 60 percent of this full-length feature was shot inside of three weeks at the well-known up-State resort in New York, Grossinger's. This location was adaptable for a great variety of both indoor and outdoor shots, leaving the company little other shooting to do once the filming there was wrapped up.

As the resort is located better than a three-hour drive from New York, the film firm set a package deal to house and feed the cast and technicians during the shooting there. Grossinger's is awaiting the outcome of the shooting before deciding whether it would lend itself to similar deals.

The Louis film, produced by Sterling Sillipant and directed by Robert Gordon, shot some 35 different sequences at the resort. The interiors range from simulated bedrooms, hotel rooms and apartments out of residential quarters to converting the two Grossinger "Terrace Rooms" into night spots —one the Frog Room of Detroit, the other New York's Bandbox. Other interiors used were the dining room and a cottage made into a winter chalet. Exteriors utilized such ready-made sets as the club's own airport, golf course, swimming pool, skating rink, ski facilities, gardens and baseball diamond. The last was converted into a replica of ringside at Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds for the outdoor fight sequences, with film clips of crowded stands to be edited in later for the illusion of reality.

Even the problem of extras was met right on the premises, since the all-year resort had plenty of guests on hand. These were selected with an eye to types, and used for the various crowd sequences at the fight and night clubs. A local film house was used to screen rushes, and the film was taken into New York daily. An official of the producing firm estimated that, despite the cost of housing and feeding personnel, a very heavy saving was made on costs of sets, and the film will look more realistic because the sets are real.

The Modern Marco Polo (center) is crowned champ of KHJ-TV's "King of the Ring" contest by Bill Brundige, who does the blow-by-blow accounts of the Wilmington Bowl fights. Lou Nova (right), former heavyweight contender, does the color commentary of the bouts.

TELEVISION is selling Pabst Beer, not like hotcakes but like beer, and regardless of other advertisers taking a cautious road and cutting down on their TV expenditures, Pabst confidentally is expanding in network TV.

The brewery plans to remain on the air this summer without interruption from the winter and spring fight card over CBS-TV.

The International Boxing Club will continue to provide the cards for the Pabst telecasts. Last summer the huge Chicago Stadium was virtually turned into a TV studio, most of the summer cards originating from the Windy City. The average attendance was under 2,000 in an indoor arena which can squeeze in 25,000 for a fight.

The Pabst fights, no longer on radio, are on 67 TV stations and the beer firm is shooting for a full barrel, aiming at 100. They are picking up new stations as fast as they come on the air in Pabst markets.

THE first of 10 live Saturday night fight telecasts from Chicago over the ABC-TV network was presented with the initial offering of Johnny Gonsalves-Virgil Akins on April 4 from the Rainbo Arena.

The sponsor of "Saturday Night Fights" is paying Irving Schoenwald and his partner, Leonard Schwartz, $7,000 for each of the programs, almost double the sum they're receiving for weekly local telecasts (WBKB-TV, Chicago, Mondays). This new contract, which Schoenwald signed with Ray Arcel, does not interfere with his regular Monday night fights from the same arena.

Schoenwald disclosed that he had first offered his services as assistant matchmaker to Truman Gibson for the International Boxing Club at Chicago Stadium. However, when the bid was rejected he decided to accept the lucrative offer from the Arcel organization.

"I offered my services without charge," Schoenwald said, "in order to be in a position to reward boxers who won at Rainbo with a bout for more money in the Stadium."

He said he spoke to Gibson, who in turn spoke to James D. Norris, I.B.C. president. But they told him the post was not available, he said.

DESPITE persistent rumors, the DuMont TV network will not tie up with Teddy Brenner, matchmaker, of the Eastern Parkway Arena, and Emil Lence, the promoter, to run televised shows from Ebbets Field this summer. A

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...With Our SERVICEMEN

MAJOR JOHN F. SULLIVAN, well known in amateur and professional boxing circles, has had a varied and interesting career as a soldier, boxer, manager and referee.

The major started boxing when he was fifteen years old and won the New England amateur light-heavyweight title. He then did some inter-collegiate fighting at Boston University where he also played end on the football team. In his boxing days around Massachusetts he trained with Lou Brouillard who held the welterweight and middleweight titles. Prior to World War II he managed a few local fighters.

In 1941 Sullivan entered the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and was sent to Fort Knox, Ky., where he organized the post boxing team and ran regular shows for the Armored Center. Among his fighters were two pros, Larry Cisneros and the rated featherweight, Mike Raffa.

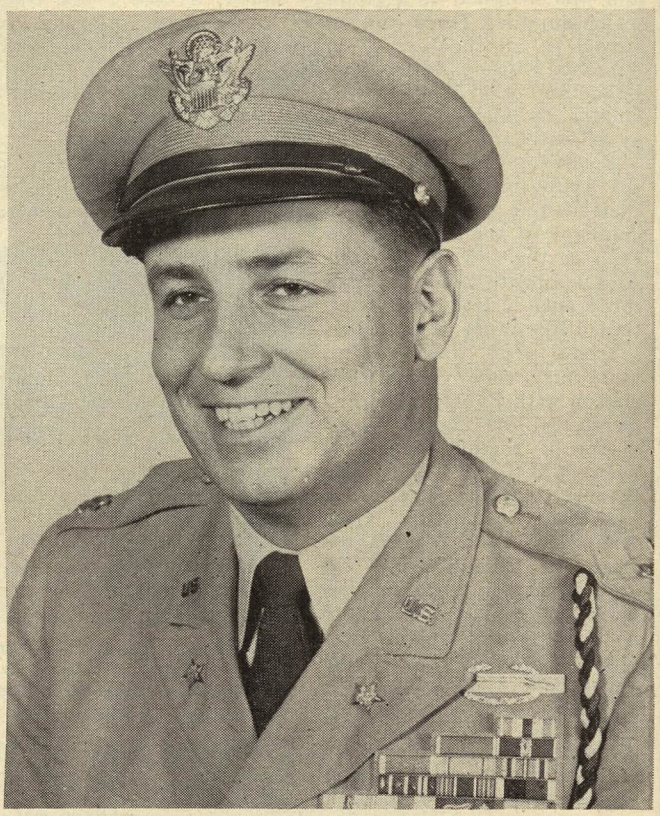
Early in 1942 his unit, the First Armored Division, moved to Fort Dix, N. J., preparatory to going overseas, where he continued working with fighters, including Joe Louis. The outfit shipped to Ireland in March of 1942 and there the team continued giving boxing shows and participated in many public fight cards against amateur and professionals of Ireland. After going to England the unit, on November 8, 1942, was part of the invasion force in the landings in Africa. They fought the entire African campaign and at the conclusion were sent to the capital of French Morocco to re-equip for the Italian invasion.

During this period the Major ran weekly fights at Rabat and Casablanca, his top man being Larry Cisneros who won the welterweight service title for the Mediterranean area. In 1943 he matched him with Marcel Cerdan, then middleweight champ of Europe and a member of the French Navy. The fight was put on for the benefit of the French and American Red Cross fund, drawing 21,000 people and a gate of $37,000. The bout was stopped in the sixth round because of a severe cut over Cisneros' eye. The Germans circulated stories, which appeared in several pro-Nazi French papers in Africa and in France, that because Cerdan had beaten an American soldier he had been shot and his body burned by the American forces. Their propaganda machines went to ridiculous extremes.

SULLIVAN'S unit then went on to the invasion of Italy. Two days after being pulled back from Cassino, Major Sullivan was asked to run a tourney to determine a team of eight amateurs and eight professionals to represent that Army in the first European Inter-Allied Boxing tournament. Held in an old opera house, ten miles behind the front line, 220 boxers participated in the eliminations and some of the officials were Jack Sharkey, Lefty Gomez, Freddie Cochran of the PGA and Joe E. Brown. Sullivan's Fifth Army squad won the team title, with 350 fighters participating. They returned to Italy from Algiers in time for the landings at Anzio where, unfortunately, Major Sullivan lost four members of his team.

During the unit's stay in Oran, Sullivan refereed Wednesday nights at the Red Cross fights, Friday nights at the Navy Base, Monday nights on his own show, and Saturday nights at the French Fight Club. He was one of only two Americans ever issued a referee's license by the Algerian Boxing Commission.

In 1944 Sullivan again organized a Fifth Army team and took them to the second European Inter-Allied tourney held in Rome. They again won the team title, with Ezzard Charles fighting for them as a light heavyweight.



Major John F. Sullivan, well-known amateur referee, who is now in Korea with a combat infantry unit.

AFTER leaving the Army in 1946 Sullivan refereed in Massachusetts and New York. During the period 1946–1951, he wrote boxing articles for Boston, Worcester and Springfield newspapers, and did publicity work for the two Louis-Walcott fights, the Cerdan-Zale bout in Jersey City and the Charles-Beshore affair in Buffalo.

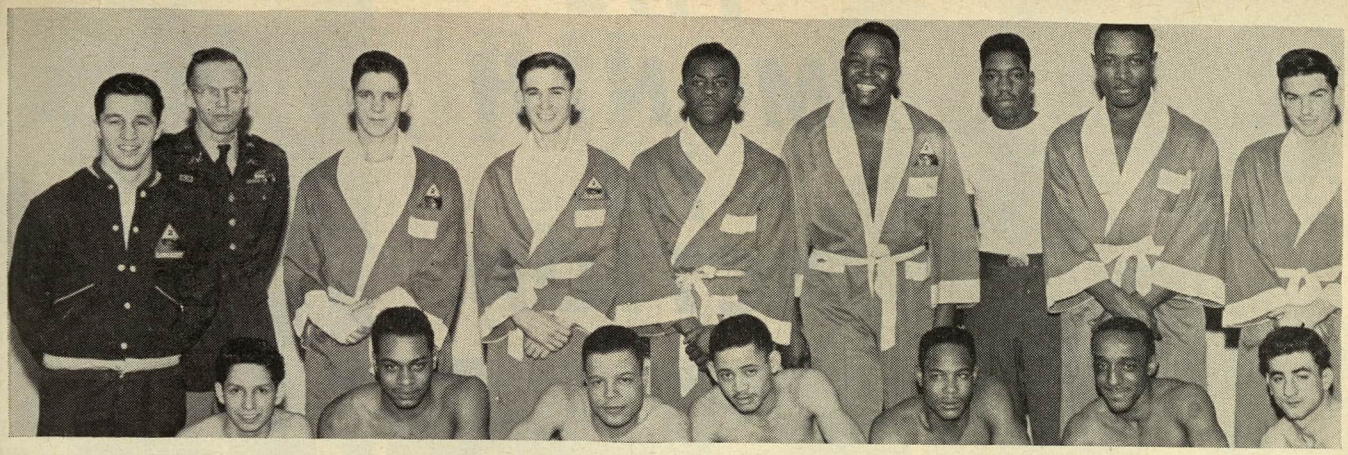
Last year, during Exercise SNOW FALL at Camp Drum, New York, he ran a Golden Gloves tourney and refereed 110 bouts staged there. In fourteen years he has handled over 4,000 amateur and professional bouts.

While serving with the U. S. Infantry in World War II he picked up the Combat Infantry Badge, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, American Defense Ribbon, the African Mediterranean and Italian Campaign Ribbons with nine battle stars, the American Theatre Ribbon, the Army Reserve Ribbon, the French Croix de Guerre with palm and star, the British Military Cross and the Brazilian Medal of War.

Of recent date Major Sullivan was Deputy Chief of the Information Section at First Army Headquarters and is now in Korea with a combat infantry outfit.

PFC. HILBERTO QUINTANA, former Arizona Golden Gloves champion, was killed in Korea, December 17, 1952.

Quintana won the Arizona Golden Gloves championship in 1950 and 1951, and before his induction into the Army was considered one of the brightest prospects ever to come out of Arizona. In 1950 he won the New Mexico Regional



Libby Manzo (left), undefeated New York lightweight, with part of his championship team. Top row (left to right) Capt. Richard Hagar, office manager, Bob Lowery, Lowell Mitchell, Willie Moore, Leo Champion, Ned Tucker, trainer, Napoleon Fluellen and Hubert Isom. Bottom row (left to right) Ed Arias, Lamar Patterson, Jake Thomas, Joe Morris, Curtis Small, Sammy Wright and Vinnie Gregory.

tournament and was named both the outstanding fighter and best sportsman of the tournament, receiving awards for both.

He was the Fort Ord welterweight champion before being sent to Alaska for garrison duty. From Alaska he volunteered for Korean duty. Death came from gunshot wounds during battle in the famed Punchbowl area. His body was returned home and he was buried in the Mesa, Ariz., cemetery with military honors March 4, 1953.

Quintana fought for the famous Bud Rainey team of Clifton, Ariz., under coach Al Fenn. Recently he was honored in the Phoenix tournament with a Quintana Memorial. He also was honored in the New Mexico Regional at Silver City with a perpetual memorial award given to the outstanding fighter of the tournament.

THE CCB "Bulldog" boxing team of the 2nd Armored Division, stationed in Germany, has been coached for the past two years by Cpl. Liberato Manzillo, better known to New York fans as the popular Libby Manzo, Elmhurst, L. I., lightweight, who holds the record for scoring the fastest knockout in Madison Square Garden.

Manzo's historic feat took place on November 17, 1950, when he halted Mickey Zezza in 26 seconds of a scheduled six rounder. Managed by Bobby Ruffin, a former New York fighter, Libby engaged in twelve pro fights before going into service, scoring five knockouts, winning five decisions and drawing in two bouts.

As he was a pro, Manzo was unable to compete with the service team overseas but he did a splendid job as a coach, developing a fine team that took the 2nd Armored Division championship both last year and this season. In 1952 four of his boxers came through the USAR-EUR Regionals to go on to the USAR-EUR finals; this year five men made the grade.

With the aid of Col. Briard Johnson, of their unit, who has given them unstinted support, the "Bulldogs" have become one of the strongest service teams overseas. Some of the boys who may develop into outstanding pros are Willie Moore, Ned Tucker, Ed Arias and Vinny Gregory.

Manzo returned to the states in April and will resume his career shortly.

WITH THE 40TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA.—A former professional boxer, Cpl. Columbus Black of Atlanta, Ga., recently wrote a song entitled "This Place Called Korea" while serving with the 40th Infantry Division.

The soldier-composer-fighter who won 20 of his 28 bouts, said he turned to song writing in Korea because "there's a need for harmony over here." A squad leader, Black relied upon his keen sense of harmony and the keen ears of three buddies of Company H of the 223rd Regiment to put the song together for quartet presentation.

Though the ballad has been scheduled for American copyright, Black isn't impressed by his new-found talent. "I'm going back to boxing when I return home," he explained. "The song will just be a souvenir of one phase of my life."

THE Camp Lejeune Marines won their third straight Middle Atlantic Inter-Service Athletic Conference boxing tournament held recently at Ft. Myer, Va. The Lejeune boxers took the trophy with 26 points and two individual championships.

Runners-up in the tourney were the Quantico Marines with 20 points. Competing were boxers from Ft. Meade, Md., Ft. Eustis, Va., Ft. Belvoir, Va., Camp Pickett, Va., Patuxent NAS, Md., and Atlantic Fleet, Phib. Force.

Among the winners were All-Army champs Zora Folley (heavyweight) and Dick Jones (light-heavyweight). A total of 68 fighters from the Army, Navy and Marines participated in the five-day event.

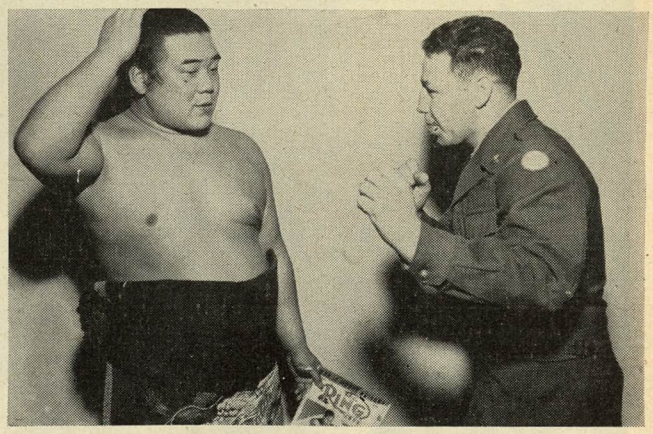
KOBE, JAPAN—Camp Kobe leather slingers held their own in a boxing tournament recently in Japan with Ernie Miles of Baltimore, Md., as their coach and trainer.

Recently assigned to the Kobe Special Services Office, Miles has a sound background for his job. As a professional middleweight, he had 65 fights of which he dropped only a dozen. Among those he faced were Charley Spicer, Rocky Castellani and the Italian middleweight, Alfredo Pescatore.

While en route to the Far East, he staged 13 matches aboard the ship.

FORT SLOCUM, N. Y.—What happens to a boxer who after winning every one of his professional fights decided to pack his gloves and quit the game? Here is the answer.

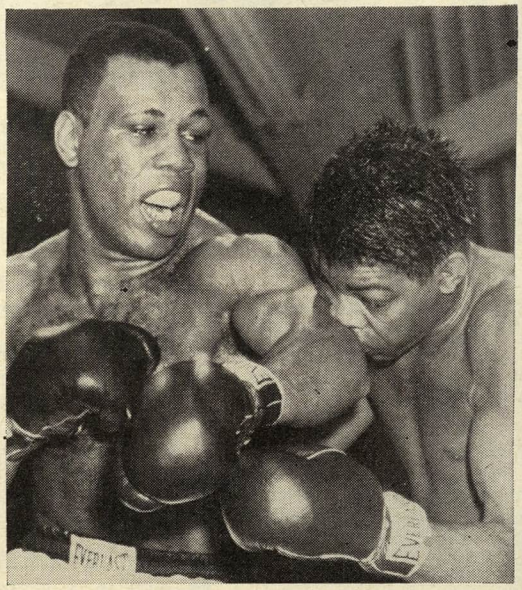
Vincent Angelo of New York, N. Y., has been promoted to the grade of Sergeant in the United States Army. Reminiscing during a recent interview, the new Sergeant, admitted the game itself was no longer for him as a participant but he was willing to help promote the sport.



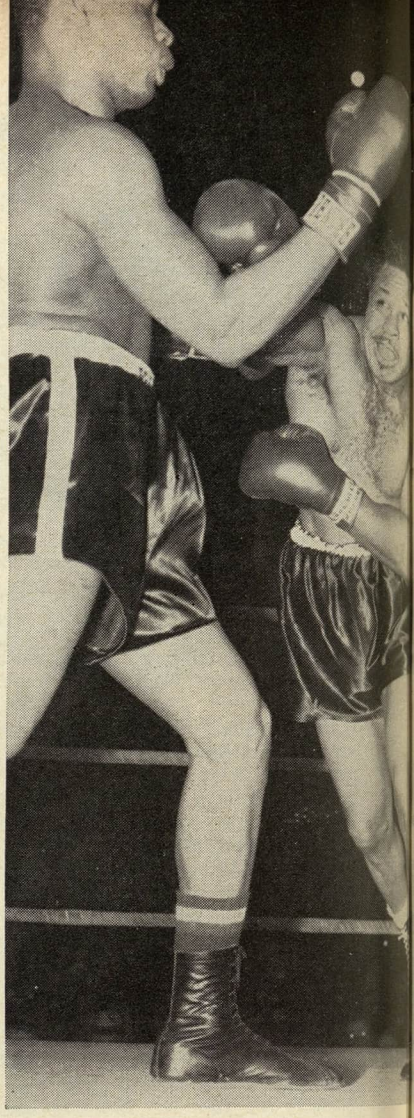
Pfc. Phil Rizzo (right), Brooklyn, N. Y., professional middleweight, teaches T. Kusunchiki, Japanese sumo champ, one or two things about boxing. Rizzo recently kayoed one of Japan's leading welters in six rounds and also decisioned Boy Brooks.

THE MONTH IN ACTION

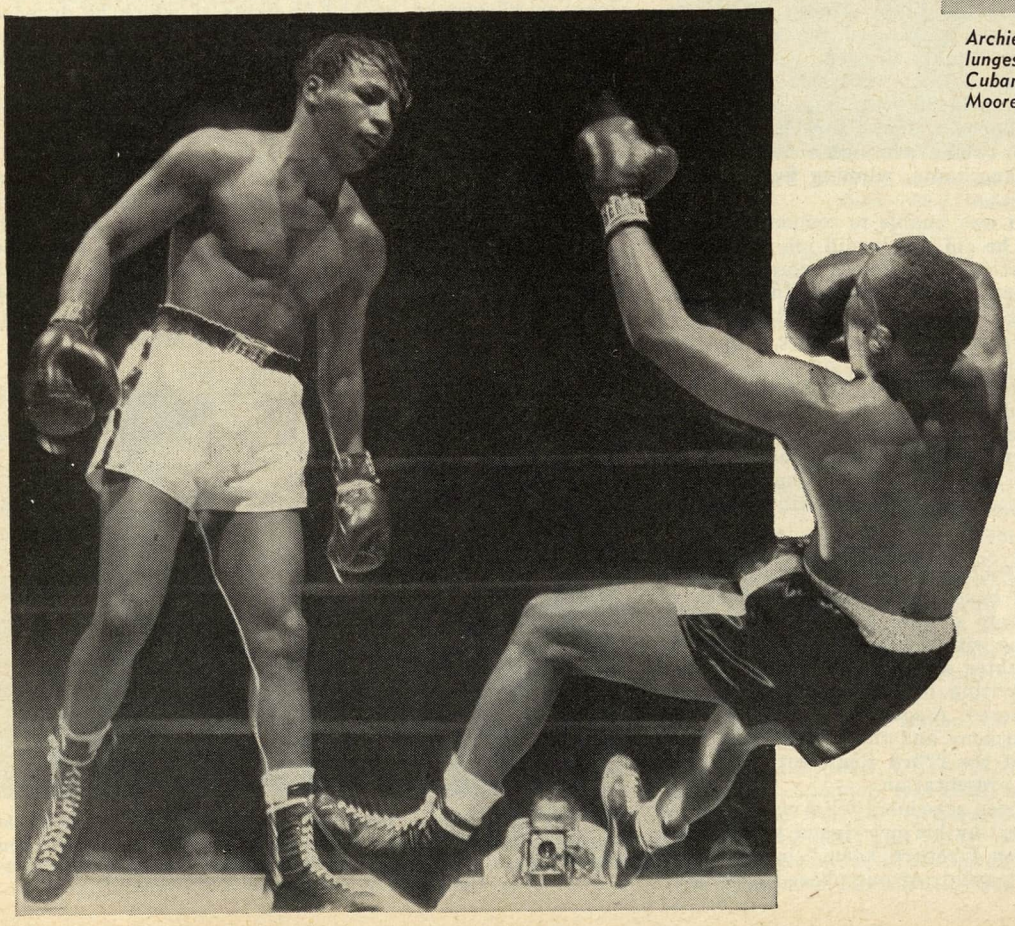
Walter Cartier (left) was disqualified in the second round of his bout with Randy Turpin in London after being warned seven times for holding.



Ralph (Tiger) Jones (left) and Danny (Bang Bang) Womber tangled to a ten-round draw in a middleweight bout recently at the Eastern Parkway Arena.



Archie Moore, world light-heavyweight (ri lunges to the attack as he battles Nino Va Cuban heavyweight, at The Arena, St. L Moore punched out a unanimous ten-round d sion.



Johnny Bratton, former N.B.A. welterweight champion working toward another world title bout with Kid Gavilan, knocked Bobby Jones, California middleweight, out of the picture at Madison Square Garden, New York, when he hung one on him in the fifth round to register a knockout.

SO LONG, PAL

A CHAMPION is supposed to be tops in his class. Usually he is, but often enough he is not. Some of the most accomplished craftsmen the ring has produced ended their careers without having owned world titles. Sam Langford, Jim Driscoll, Packey McFarland, Mike Gibbons and Jeff Smith were among the more prominent ones the capricious lady known as Luck failed to favor with her winning smiles.

And there was Thomas Wilson Moore, who, at 58, died recently in the old home town of Memphis, Tenn.

If ever this rugged leather-tossing profession had a real "uncrowned king," it was the little will-o'-the-wisp known professionally as Memphis Pal Moore. The Tennessean made a habit of beating champions, yet he never won a world title. He whipped four successive rulers of the bantam roost —Kid Williams, Pete Herman, Joe Lynch and Johnny Buff —but the bouts were no-decision affairs. He also grabbed an official verdict from flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde.

Moore's record is one of the most unique in the bulky annals of the trade. During his long, industrious career, which spanned the better part of two decades, Memphis Pal fought no less than *twenty-nine* of his 200-plus ring battles with *eleven* rivals who were, had been or became champions. Besides Williams, Herman, Lynch, Buff and Wilde, the array of past, present and future titleholders with whom Moore tangled included Johnny Ertle, Eugene Criqui, Sammy Mandell, Bud Taylor, Frankie Genaro and Fidel LaBarba.

MOORE thrived in an era when the little fellows were at the peak of their popularity. And Pal missed very few of the good 'uns. Clever boxers, rugged sluggers, dangerous punchers—they were all alike to the speedy Tennesseean. Many of them he met not once but often. His most extensive series was with Joe Lynch. They hooked up ten times. Other active "feuds" covered seven tussles with Jack Sharkey, six with Earl Puryear, five each with Nate Jackson, Roy Moore, Jabez White and Carl Tremaine, and four apiece with Frankie Burns, Johnny Ertle and Bud Taylor.

A skinny little kid, weighing hardly more than 100 pounds, Moore fought, and won, his first preliminary in Memphis in 1913. He called himself "Young Pal" Moore, after a Philadelphia lightweight, Pal Moore, who was something of a ring sensation at the time. Later, when he became a headliner in his own right, he dropped the "Young" and replaced it with "Memphis Pal."

At his peak, from 1915 to 1922, Moore was a legitimate bantam, seldom scaling above 116 pounds. He developed a freakish style which few opponents were able to solve successfully. He would dangle his arms by his sides and poke out his chin as though inviting a punch. When the other guy fired at the apparently wide-open target, Pal would slip his head inside the blow, or pull away from it, and turn loose his own two fists in a bewildering blizzard of jabs, hooks, uppercuts and one-twos.

Though not regarded as much of a hitter—he slapped rather than punched, and his entire record credited him with less than twenty knockouts—Moore came close to winning the bantam title in his first start against a champion. It was in 1915, and his opponent was the formidable Kid Williams. The bout was an eight-round no-decision affair in Memphis, and the only way Moore could have won the title was by knocking Williams out. He nearly did it. He gave the rugged Baltimorean a vicious lacing, and had him down twice during the bout, but couldn't finish him.

Four years later, the supposedly punchless Moore turned in another surprising performance when he cuffed Eugene Criqui into defeat in fourteen rounds in London. It was shortly after this incident that the Frenchman, outgrowing the bantam division, started his spectacular drive for the featherweight title.

Memphis Pal Moore, who specialized in beating champions, yet never won a world title.

MOORE then in the United States Navy, was with the American team which competed for the King's Trophy in the Inter-Allied Games held in London at the close of World War I. In the final round of the bantam eliminations, Pal slapped out a three-round decision over world flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde. The result created such a sensation in Britain that the following year Moore was brought back to London for a twenty-round meeting with Wilde. The bout was fought at the bantam limit, and Wilde's title was not at stake. Jimmy was awarded the decision, but the bout was close, and the verdict disputed by Moore.

That same year, 1919, Pal spanked another bantam champion. It was Pete Herman, and the bout produced an odd twist. It was a no-decision eight-rounder in Memphis, but to settle a bet between the rival managers, Promoter-Referee Billy Haack rendered an "unofficial" verdict.

A pre-bout argument between Sammy Goldman, representing Herman, and Nate Lewis, handling Moore, resulted in a $1,000 wager on the result. The money was put in an envelope, turned over to Haack, and Billy agreed to give it to the winner. At the end of the fight, he walked over to Moore's corner and handed the envelope to Lewis. It was a mere formality. Moore won so convincingly there was no protest from Goldman.

Only two of Moore's ten bouts with Lynch were during Joe's double tenure as champion. Both were of the usual no-decision species, the rivals going twelve rounds in Louisville in 1921 and ten rounds in Michigan City, Ind., in 1922. The fights were close, but the majority of the newspaper accounts favored Moore.

Sandwiched between those meetings with Lynch, Moore outpointed Johnny Buff in a no-decision ten in Milwaukee in 1921, during the little Skeeter's brief reign as boss of the bantams.

Memphis Pal's last get-together with a ruling champion

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News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

AS we go to press the women in the grappling game are having a taffy pull. Time was when Billy Wolfe had a monopoly of women wrestling in the U. S. And where else do women wrestle?

Then as word would have it Mildred Burke, in the game for some 17 years and acknowledged champ for longer than Zeus, bought out the Wolfe empire. This outfit with a bevy of beautiful, talented felines, including Cora Combs et al, calls itself Attractions Inc. and books out of Columbus, Ohio.

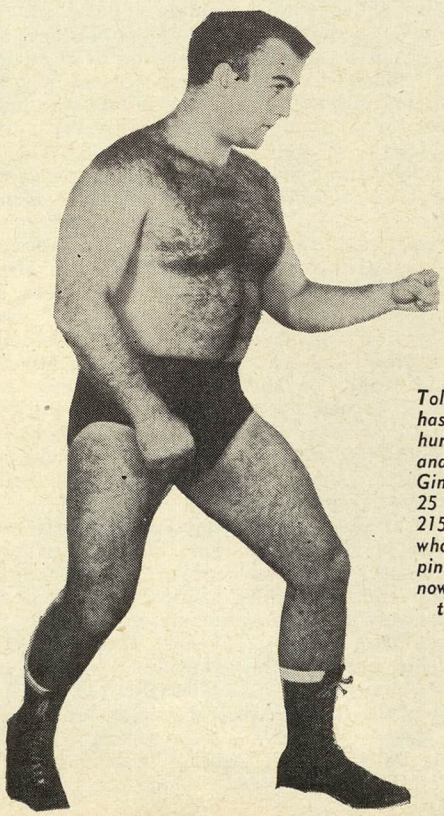
The world being what it is Nell Stewart, calling herself Queen of them all, acts as the front for a new organization also booking out of Columbus, Ohio, and titled Girls' Wrestling Enterprises. This new org ran the start of an elimination tournament at Baltimore with the winner to be called world champ by them.

On the other side of the fence Mildred Burke, champ up to now, has promised to meet the winner of a similar tournament staged on April 18, two days prior to the Baltimore tourney.

It's none of our biz but it would seem that one champ is enough. When champions grow on every bush the sport loses its attractiveness to the paying public. In the case of women wrestling it has existed under a shadow ever since its inception, with some states barring it altogether. It would seem that the promotion of women needs all the strength and solidarity within its own ranks without splitting up.

Perhaps the competition will aid the growth of women in the mat game but if so we fail to see how.

Cora Combs, young red-headed grappler of Mildred Burke's "Attractions Inc". Cora is billed as the Southern Champ and is considered as one of the best of the female mat stars. She is the counterpart to Nell Stewart of "Girls Wrestling Enterprises", the new booking agency of the gentler sex.



Toledo, Ohio, has a massive hunk of rough and toughie in Gino Angelo, 25 - year - old, 215 - pounder, who has been pinning "em now for about two years.

ROUND AND ON THE MAT—

FATHER Time caught up with Jack Forbes, 64-year-old referee, at Toronto, Canada. Owner of the Forbes Hotel, sportsman and arbiter in over 7,000 wrestling bouts, Jack passed on but his spirit will remain with us.

The Olympic Auditorium has a new hero in the making . . . he's Leo (The Lion) Nomellini, tackle for the San Francisco 49ers profootball team, who made his local debut with a win over Frank Jeres and followed it up a week later by winning over Lord Athol Layton in two out of three falls. Leo will be remembered by Minnesota football fans . . . he was an All-American tackle. . . . Recently his wife gave birth to a 7 pound 3 ounce bambino.

Our good pal Antone (Ripper) Leone sends word that his globe trotting tour is tremendously successful and American type wrestling is becoming more popular abroad. . . . In South Africa Leone has had six matches, winning all including one over the South African champ and will trek from South Africa to Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and all points of the compass. It will be the Ripper's fourth round the world jaunt.

Seattle.—Johnny Demchuck defeated Carl Engstrom in two out of three falls. . . . Toledo.—Newton Copple retained his 147-pound National A.A.U. wrestling title at the U. of Toledo Field house, 1953 version by beating Francis Headline of the Great Lakes Training Station. . . . Copple is a used car dealer, 32 years of age, who hails from Champaign, Ill.

Hollywood Legion Stadium saw Baron Michele Leone dump Warren Bockwinkle on his canvas for the second time in five weeks. Warren mainly used his leg lock with

Herr Baron using his well known neckbreaker to good advantage.

At St. Paul the tag team of Ray Eckert and Fred Atkins scored a convincing win over Leo Nomellini and Kay Bell in two straight falls. . . . Ex-heavyweight champ Jack Dempsey still has it! As one of two arbiters for the Great Togo versus Timothy Geohagen match at Toronto—Jack and Togo crossed rights—needless to say Togo's wasn't so great. . . . Not only did Togo lose his decision to Dempsey but he was disqualified after giving Geoghagen (must be Irish) a real going over . . . tough luck Togo. . . . Prior to the main go the tag team of midgets Little Beaver and Prince Salie Halasie matted The Mighty Schultz and Major Tom Thumb . . . at one point the Major was bitten on his "sit down" by the Prince . . . don't they teach Princes not to bite the thumb?

Madison Square Garden, New York.—The circus is in town but the only difference between what's going on now and what went on the night of the Lou Thesz vs Antonino Rocca match is that what went on in the Garden that night occupied one ring instead of three. . . . The one ring circus of Thesz and company drew 9,300 paying fans who coughed up $29,553 to witness the festivities. . . . The show saw Thesz (heavyweight N.W.A. champ) and Rocca grapple to a draw when the 11 o'clock curfew stopped the contest after each had won a fall. Rocca drew first blood with a body slam after 30:50 and Thesz needed only 7:19 to even matters with a leg and arm lock. The remainder of the card saw Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers pin Johnny Valentino . . . Lu Kim defeat Adrian Baillargon . . . Raphael Halpern pin Tiger Joe Marsh . . . Vic Holbrook take the measure of Chuck Morgan . . . Dick Shikat win from Lenny Montana on a disqualification . . . Clyde Steeves pin Jack Rush.

Shikat has been in the game well over 20 years and is still one of the top boys . . . Tiger Joe Marsh leaves after completion of the Joe Louis Pic for Singapore, Hong Kong and India pour a wrestling tour.

Tony Stecher, out Minneapolis way, has been really stacking them in with his "Ladies Free" policy. . . . Tony has a couple of top drawing cards in those toughies, Hard Boiled Haggerty and Farmer Marlin.

According to a report from Tokyo one of Japan's four top Sumo champs has an evil eye that he lays on all opponents . . . this 340-pound tummy boy known as Azumafuji "the great" has an eye attack that he calls "Buddha's glass eye." He enters the ring and glares at his opponents, the younger ones are scared and make false moves and the older ones are put to sleep and their muscles made immobile. Azumafuji (you pronounce it) picked it all up from a book on Freud and watching two American generals play poker.

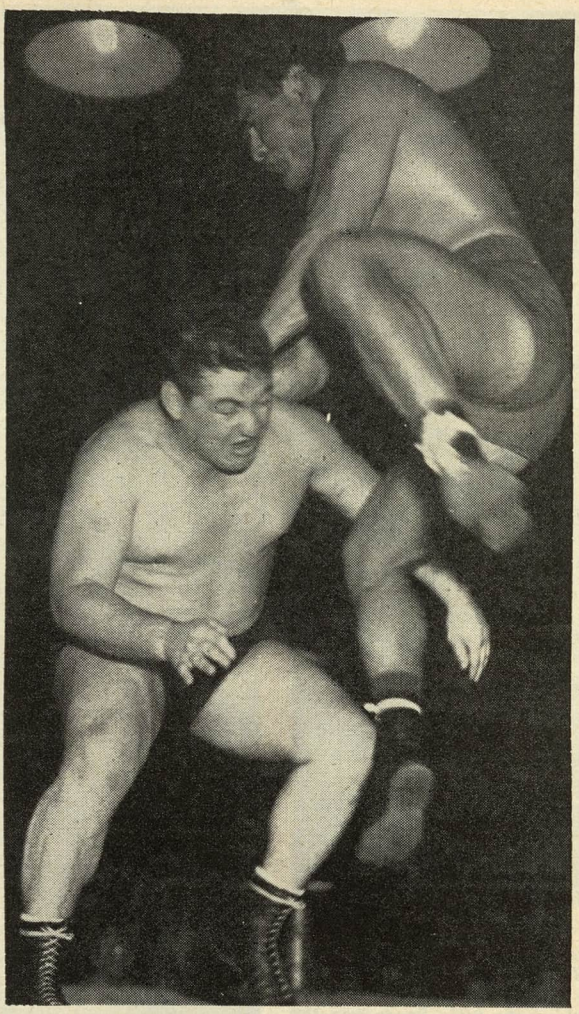
Baltimore, Maryland, witnessed the disqualification of The Mighty Ursus in the Coliseum when that worthy grappler attempted to pound Antonino Rocca into a ring post . . .avec fists . . . Rocca kicked and Ursus slugged. Finally Ursus, after 12 minutes of this hectic activity, was disqualified for choking.

Detroit, Michigan.—Jim Londos, the whirling Greek, took approximately 17 minutes to rid himself of any threat from Jesus Ortega. . . . In the co-feature Lord Carlton and Antonino Rocca went to a draw in 60 minutes. Highlight of the affair involved a turnbuckle being broken, the ropes dropping to the floor . . . but the show went on.

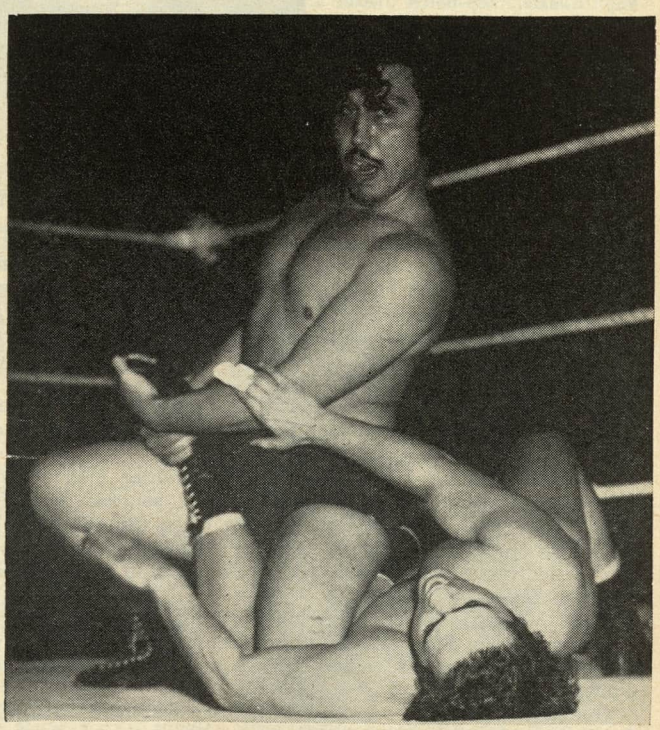
Verne Gagne was awarded the Annual Police Gazette trophy for the outstanding professional wrestler for 1953. Presentation took place at Fred Kohler's Marigold Gardens in Chicago with George Barton doing the honors . . . a nicer gent than Verne would be hard to find.

Milwaukee.—Mike Blazer and Angelo Thomas teamed in an Australian tag match to defeat the team of Johnny Dundee and Jack Fuller . . . Rose Des Moines and Louise Green combined to pin Itola Bittner and Ramona Swanson at the South Side Armory.

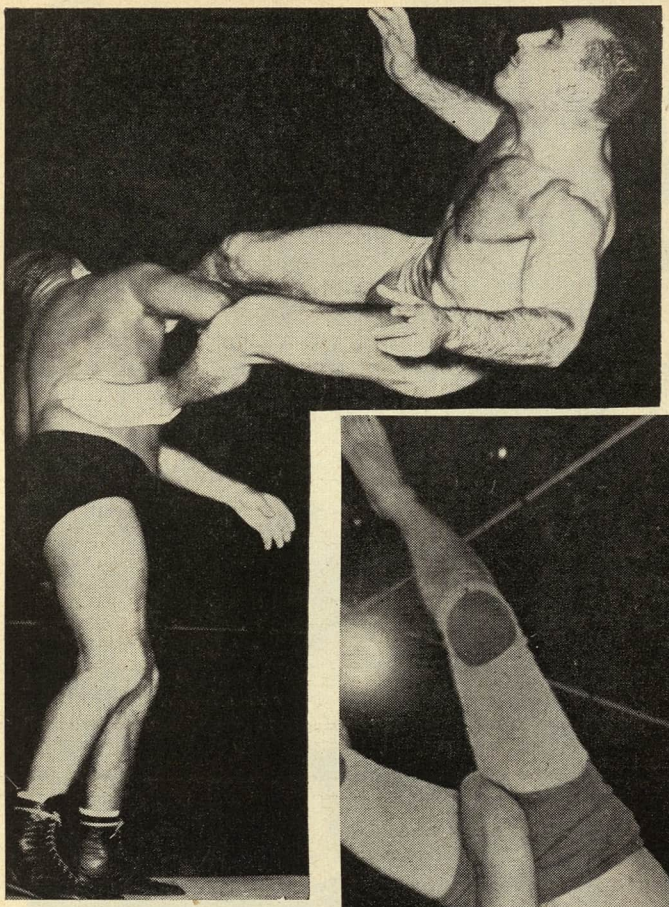
Yvon Robert, publicized as the East Coast champ, took two out of three falls from Sonny Myers at the Boston



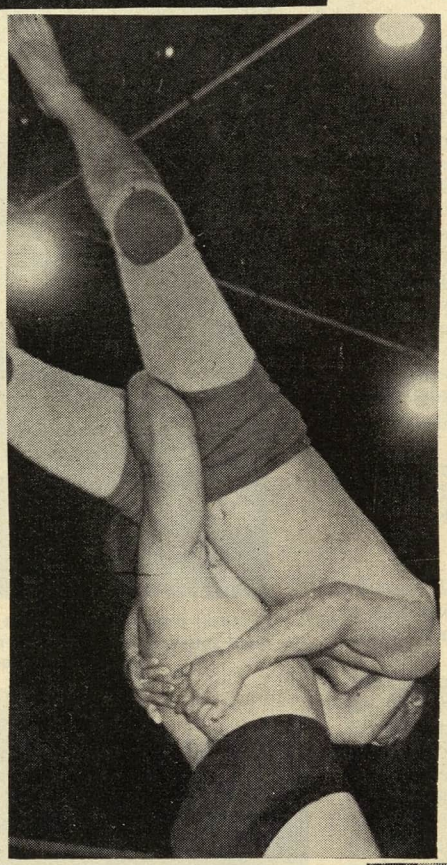
Cyclone Anaya, TV favorite, seen here attempting a flying head scissors on Stu Gibson. Match was won by Cyclone with a body press. (Photo credit: Bob Utter)



Don Lewin (on his back) seems to be asking Charro Aztez for another chance. Charro wasn't obliging but Lewin escaped from the toe hold and clamped a crab on Charro to win the victory. (Photo by Bob Utter)



Antonino Rocca using his versatile legs to drop kick Tommy Rice in San Francisco. Note the force behind the kick. Rocca won the match with a body slam a few minutes later.



Ray Gunkle, top-notch Texas grappler, in the process of applying a body slam to Mr. Moto during their recent bout at Indianapolis. The Texan went on to win the match. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Arena. Myers won the first fall with a crab hold only to have Yvon come back to win the next two downs with a reverse double arm lock and crab hold.

The Masked Marvel of Hartford, Conn., is still masked. He recently defeated Wladislaw Talun, the Polish Giant. Talun, back from Hollywood and the movie cameras, took the first fall with a bear hug in 10:55. The Masked Marvel, with a French accent, notched Talun to the canvas with a Cobra hold at 6:20. Only 2:10 later Talun was disqualified for roughness and that was that.

Hagerstown, Ind., a thriving little community, is a peaceful place to live, except of course on wrestling nights, and then things really happen in a big way.

The Hagerstown Jaycees have been holding mat shows in the high school gymnasium there for several months. They have been featuring all the top boys, including such names as Nature Boy Buddy Rogers, Edmund Francis, Joe Scarpello, the Great Scott, Chief Don Eagle and Baron Michele Leone.

Matt Mercurio is the matchmaker and Arch Hindman, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, who incidentally is a Hagerstown boy, assists Matt in staging these top shows.

One of the wildest bouts ever witnessed was held on April 8 when Buddy Rogers met Professor Roy Shire in what turned out to be a bloody, back-alley brawl.

Shire won the first fall in 11 minutes with a body slam and a body press while Rogers came back to capture second honors in 59 seconds with a sitting grapevine. The third and deciding frame was nothing short of murder. First Shire threw away the rule book and started hammering Nature Boy with his fists until he had the latter bleeding like a stuck hog. Before the bout ended Rogers opened a two-inch cut above Shire's right eye which bled until the Professor could see absolutely nothing. Rogers finally hurled Shire through the ropes causing him to take a 20 count.

During the excitement the ring was cluttered with paper cups, some guy in the fifth row threw a chair, a fellow in the bleachers took all he could stand and passed out colder than yesterday's fish.

I almost forgot . . . preliminary bouts saw Frankie Talaber win over Johnny Swenski while Big Bill Miller, the former Ohio State football star, won easily over Don Lewin of television fame.

From Cy Louth, Canada

They were fighting for tickets at the door at the last wrestling show staged by Alex Turk. The house was jammed and it was the roughest, toughest show ever staged in this city.

There should have been a win for a couple of Japs, but Fate intervened and Pat McGill and Farmer Don Marlin held the two Oriental boys, Kinji Shibuya and Duke Keomuka to a draw in a rousing tag-team match.

But the main event didn't steal the show—nor did the semi-windup, in which Big Ike Eakin stopped Leo Don Jonothan in 33 minutes. The roughest and toughest ever witnessed at the Civic Auditorium in Winnipeg was between Jack Pesek, and Len Hughes, the bad man. Pesek won, as he usually does in a Winnipeg ring, after 20 minutes of top action.

Some day they may be holding wrestling matches in Winnipeg's proposed new $500,000 rugby stadium.

At a meeting of the city council the other evening, objection was taken to the fact that the salary of John Petersen, who now runs the Amphitheatre rink and Osborne Stadium, should be $20,000 a year.

This is the set-up:

While the new rugby stadium is a private matter, the City of Winnipeg has guaranteed debentures of $500,000, if the deal falls through. There are six city aldermen on the board of directors of the stadium. Council, as a whole,

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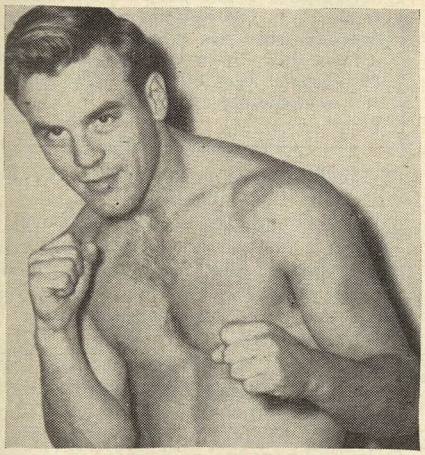
Gene Stanlee (Mr. America) shown with some of the many awards he has won. The occasion was the opening of his restaurant at Jamaica, Long Island—on the Merrick Road. If he succeeds as well in filling stomachs as he did in deflating them he should be quite a success in his added role.

Good Club Fighters

By FRED EISENSTADT



Jimmy Scalero, rough, tough, Bronx, N. Y., welterweight, who is a crowd pleaser.

Jimmy Scalero

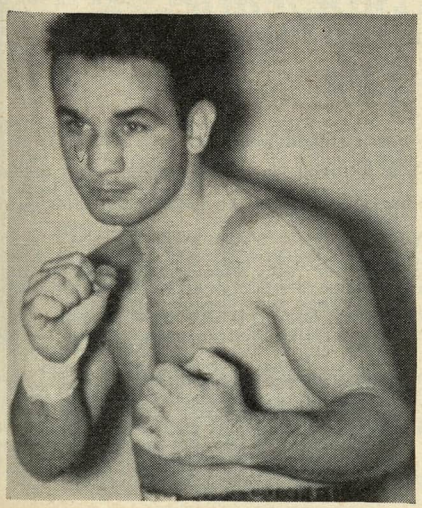
JIMMY SCALERO is strictly a fighter, strong and willing to mix it. Durable and aggressive, he's a swashbuckling handsome battler, anxious to trade wallops with rugged, two-fisted chin-blasters. Jimmy leaves scientific boxing for fancy Dans; to wade in and toss punches is his stock in trade.

He was born in Stanford, Conn., on Feb. 16, 1930. Started to train in a local gym when only 14.

"My three uncles were boxers," he explains politely, "and that gave me the incentive to become a fighter. I was 16 when I left school and went to work. Around that time Tony Signoretti, who trained me and taught me how to box, put me in the amateurs. I had only seven bouts, which I won. At 18, I joined the Army. That was in 1949."

Scalero spent a year in Japan; then five months in Korea. Discharged in January 1952, he took a long rest and began his pro career under the management of Bobby Nelson, pilot of Joe Miceli and Al Tisi.

Winner of nine out of ten bouts, the lad lists among his victims: Lew Bartfield, Earl Dennis and Juan Melendez (three times). Outside the ring Jimmy is learning the brick-laying trade under the GI Bill of Rights.



Mike Tocci, action providing Jersey City featherweight who is making good progress.

Mike Tocci

ONLY those who love their profession work well at it. When Mike Tocci is in the ring, you can tell by the way he fights that he loves it. It's not a cruel nature manifesting itself, it's just that he glories in physical competition. A stocky, aggressive featherweight, Tocci was born in Jersey City on Jan. 10, 1930. Leaving high school at 16, he worked as a carpenter's helper and boxed in a basement gymnasium with neighborhood kids.

At 18, with four amateur bouts under his belt, he enlisted in the Army. "During my two years hitch," relates the pleasant, blue-eyed youth, "I took part in about 25 bouts—and worked out with Tommy Collins. In 1948 and '49, I won the First Army bantamweight title."

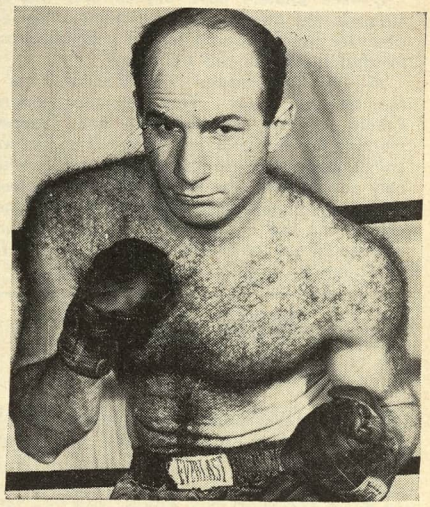
Discharged, Mike began to fight for pay in 1950 under the management of Charley Bauer. After losing one of four fights, Tocci was called back to soldiering duty and was shipped to Korea as a medical aide. He received his discharge 15 months later—on Nov. 20, 1951—and resumed his boxing career. The dynamic, two fisted scrapper won 11 of his 15 set-tos and boxed two draws. He twice defeated Ramon Anglero, beat and kayoed Sonny Bishop, decisioned Al Tisi and Filberto Osorio among others.

Jimmy King

THERE are two ways of judging the calibre of a fighter: See him in action or look at his record. Either way Jimmy King stands out among the welterweights. He's won over such men as Tony Riccio, Bobby Lee (three times), Terry Moore, Artie Towne, Don Ellis, Chico Verona (twice), Dave Andrews, Bobby Mann and Herman McCray.

A ring stylist, Jimmy is fast and can hit his opponent while on the move. Not considered a terrific puncher, King is full of zing—and is a real-crowd pleaser.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., on Jan. 29, 1925, King became interested in boxing while still in school. "I was working out with Cleo Shans in a gym one afternoon," he relates, "with Henry Armstrong watching. Later he told me I had the stuff to become a good boxer. You can imagine what such encouragement, coming from the great triple-champ, did to a 16-year-old kid. Well, off I went to Los Angeles—looking for adventure and ring action. That was in 1941. I had one fight—winning. The following year I joined the Marines and after 18 months got my discharge."



Harold (Izzy) Drucker, the fighting Hackie, a strong puncher from New York's East Side.

Without amateur experience, Jimmy started serious fisticuffing at the age of 23. After only eight prelim starts, he beat Al Highers in a feature ten rounder, in 1947. A month later he trounced Ernie Petrone; he was on his way.

King lost but six of his 48 scraps. He dropped a close one to Rocky Castellani.

Recently he returned from Europe where he spent 15 months, winning all of his 17 bouts and scoring seven knockouts.

"When New York fans get an eyeful of this welterweight in action," declares Manager George Gainford, "they'll be pleasantly surprised, and his opponent'll wish he'd remained in Europe."

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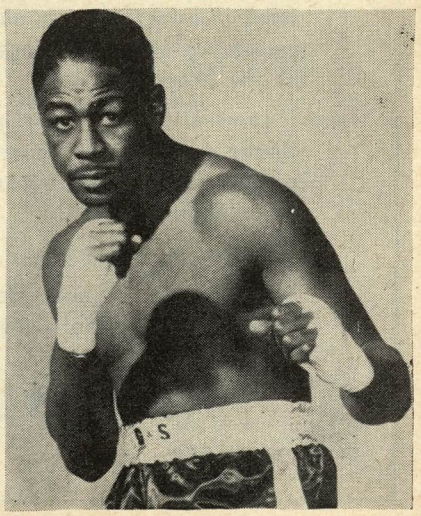

Jimmy King, promising New York middleweight who is ready to meet the best.

THE QUESTION BOX

Pvt Angelo Chiarello, US 5II33544
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Q—We soldiers have argued over the decision in the Dempsey-Willard fight. Why did Dempsey leave the ring in the first round and in what round did the fight end?

A—Dempsey dropped Willard seven times in the opening round. The last time, referee Pecord counted Willard out and Dempsey started for his dressing room when he was called back because the count had reached only seven when the round ended. Two more rounds were completed after Dempsey returned and at the end of the third, Willard quit and referee Pecord ruled the bout a knockout for Dempsey in the third round.

NEW FACES

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Billy Mack

A GOOD-looking young heavyweight who has just entered the army is "Irish Billy Mack", of Bayonne, N. J. Ninteen years old this five foot eleven inch stalwart scales 184.

Only a few years ago he was a chubby 200 pounder who first started going to the P.A.L. Gym in Bayonne to lose weight.

Billy used to watch the other fellows box and decided to take a crack at the sport himself. After competing in P.A.L. bouts for a year, where he was undefeated, he entered the Golden Gloves, and won three straight fights, before losing a split decision in the finals of the Novice light-heavyweight class.

He made a successful pro debut by knocking out Joe Chipolla in the third round as Madison Square Garden on November 28, 1952. He was so impressive in this victory that four of his seven pro bouts have been in the Garden. In these seven contests Billy has lost only one.

Billy graduated from Bayonne Tech high school and took a job as a cutter in a dress factory. But Mack has quit his job to devote all of his time to his ring career. He hopes to follow in the footsteps of his ring idol, another Irish Billy, the former light-heavyweight champion, Billy Conn. Mack is a fine boxer whose skill is far above what you would expect from a boy of his limited experience.

In his leisure time Billy likes to draw and sketch. As soon as he has established himself as a ring artist he is going to enter art school and learn to paint in oils.

Billy is managed and trained by Lou Lacio is a stablemate of Ernie Durando.

GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

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Harold "Izzy" Drucker

THERE are powerfully built, tough-looking mugs who pass themselves off as fighters; but they can neither box nor punch. Then there are gentle-faced lads who look like bookkeepers or store clerks but are skillful ringmen and have knockout "drops" in their fists. Harold "Izzy" Drucker is of the latter category.

He's either working or attending school—studying one thing or another. "I had to leave high school in my second year," explains Drucker, "because of financial difficulties at home. For two years, until I was 18, I skipped around from job to job. Then, for two seasons, I worked as a boys' counselor at Northover Camp."

Born in New York, on Oct. 16, 1926, Harold joined the Boys Club at 14. A year later he won the Inter-Club 150-pound boxing title. Ten months later, in 1942, he copped the Inter-Club wrestling championship.

Drucker enlisted in the Air Corps in 1946 and served 18 months. After his discharge he took up dentistry under the GI Bill of Rights but quit a year later—to help his brother-in-law by driving his cab.

"At 22, I returned to boxing," related Izzy, "entering the Golden Gloves in 1949. Trainer Pete Mello advised me to return to hacking; he said I didn't look good winning, and awful in losing."

Then he went to Cus D'Amato's gym and began working out under the latter's directions; and his boxing began to show improvement. Drucker resumed amateur competition, winning 10 out of 11 contests. At 24, he turned pro under D'Amato's management, winning 22 of his 26 bouts.

Drucker says that when his fighting days are over he would like to become a lawyer.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By Billy Shaw

CARMEN BASILIO'S win over Vic Cardell in a nationally televised bout at Toledo has caused the local welterweight star to receive many offers for his services. His managers are Johnny DeJohn and Joe Netro. The rugged Basilio would like nothing better than a crack at Kid Gavilan. If a title scrap could be arranged for this summer in Syracuse, the gate should hit $100,000.

Promoter Norm Rothschild is angling for the return championship match between Archie Moore, light-heavyweight boss and Joey Maxim. If Norm can close the match it would be the first title fight ever held in Syracuse.

The mail bag was exceptionally heavy last month. Thanks to all. Those who requested pictures of local stars will have to wait at least a month. Joey DeJohn, Carmen Basilio and Pat Manzi have all ordered reprints and promise to supply us with them as soon as they are received.

Joey DeJohn has hied himself off to the Adirondacks where he has taken a cabin where he will get in trim. He will chop wood, do lots of roadwork, rough it and of course will get in some fishing. When he feels he is ready, the kid with the bombs will return home for at least a month of gym work.

Vince Risko, younger brother of Babe, former middleweight king, is promoting wrestling shows in Canton, Ohio. Vince informs us he plans to present boxing also and has hooked up with a Toledo man who is recognized as one of the leading promoter-matchmakers in Ohio.

LEFT-HOOKS :—Chuck (Caveman) Fisher, rough and ready middleweight of the old days, is taking things easy at his North Side home. . . . Chuck, who fought Harry Greb, Bryan Downey, Mike O'Dowd, Kayo Brennan, Augie Ratner, Mike McTigue, and others of like ability, enjoys his boxing these days via TV. . . . Pat Manzi is coming back strong. . . . Irv Robbins is doing nicely with his Main Street gym. . . . Promoter Norm Rothschild has the War Memorial Auditorium tied up for boxing. . . . Ed Don George has it for wrestling. . . . We are in the market for 16 mm. movies of any ring battles, sound or silent. . . . Drop us a line at 135 West Corning Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

PROMOTER HEARD RAGAS staged a bang-up triple header fistic card on March 30 at the Coliseum Arena, offering the fans three fine ten-round bouts. In the final of the all-star card, Alvin Pellegrini, New Orleans' latest welterweight threat, pounded out a seven-round knockout victory over Eddy Stout, Nowata, Okla., ex-Marine, now a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Stout who served nine months in combat in Korea in 1952 has been back in the States four months and was making his second start having won a ten-round decision over Jimmy Burns at Aiken, S. C., four weeks before. Stout made an interesting and game fight. In the sixth round just before the bell rang, Pellegrini dropped the Oklahoma Indian, and in the seventh, he floored Stout with a left hook to the jaw and Stout was counted out in 2:56. Pellegrini weighed 144¾, Stout, 144¼ pounds.

Harvey Fellon, 163¼, lanky New Orleans light-heavyweight, won a unanimous ten-round decision over Jimmy Jewell, 163 Columbus, Ga., in a hard fought and thrilling ten rounder in which Fellon ran into plenty of trouble. The clever and game Jewell was dropped in the fourth round with a left hook to the body. He was saved by the bell.

In another scheduled ten rounder, Chato Hernandez, 147¼, Durango, Mex., got into the win column by scoring a three-round knockout over Johnny Capitano, 143½, New Orleans welterweight. Hernandez who had lost a ten-round decision to Joe Hartegan here earlier this year and who was outpointed by Del Flanagan in ten at San Antonio, Texas, proved too experienced and too hard a hitter for Capitano.

Ray (Jitterbug) Smith, 130, and Carlos Savedra, 126¾, engaged in a four-round draw in the opener. Savedra was making his professional debut. Carlos was lucky to gain a draw.

One thousand five hundred thirty-six fans paid a gross gate of $2,619.50.

Al Pellegrini, 144½, won a ten-round unanimous decision over his hometown rival, Joe Hartegan, 145¼, at the Coliseum Arena, March 16. Promoter Heard Ragas staged the card. The battle was a thriller and Pellegrini's margin was close. Pellegrini dropped Hartegan for a count in the fourth round and rallied in the final round to win the verdict. It was a popular one.

In an eight-round special bout, New Orleans Willie Pastrano, 147½, won a unanimous decision over Roger Trevino, 145, Houston, Tex.

Frankie Speed, New Orleans, 132¾ pounds, punched out a four-round decision over Pat Patterson, Houston, Tex., 134¼. Speed floored Patterson twice for nine counts. Henry Lucera, Houston, Tex., 124½, pounds, decisioned Doug Elwood, Baton Rouge, La., 128 pounder, in a four rounder.

One thousand three hundred seven fans paid a gross gate of $2,321.

Mrs. Ernestine Murtagh, promoter of wrestling here for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and popular matchmaker Joe Gunther, have been giving the wrestling fans great shows. On three successive Thursday nights Dempsey, Primo Carnera and Gorgeous George were starred. The three cards drew well.

Thirty-eight hundred paying fans watched Dempsey as the third man in the Al Massey-Jack McDonald bout. On the same card for the first time in the history of New Orleans two colored female wrestlers appeared. Babs Wingo, New Orleans and Ethel Johnson, Los Angeles, Cal., had the distinction of appearing on the first program in which colored wrestlers appeared here on the same card with white grapplers.

The New Orleans Fight Managers' Guild refuses to permit promoters to arrange bouts between Negro boxers on a show in which white fighters are in the main event, this despite a ruling by the Commission that it may be done. We wonder when the managers are going to wake up and realize that this is America, not Russia!

Joe Brown, star local lightweight, finds it tough to get bouts. He is managed by Lou Viscusi and is the South's leading attraction in his division.

Ralph Dupas continued his winning ways with a victory in eight rounds over Valde Fusaro, the Italian lightweight who hails from Milan. Dupas scaled 138½ to 139¼ for the Italian. In the semi final Willie Pastrano of New Orleans outpointed Chato Hernandez of Durango, Mexico in 8 rounds.

For information in this section, address me at the de Soto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

OIL CAPITOL CLOUTS—NORTHWEST

By Jim Brooke

WITH the return of Earl (Stone) Walls, Canada's heavyweight champion to these parts, boxing is enjoying an unprecedented boom under the able promotional guidance of Jittery Jack Berry.

On March 20, in Walls first fight since returning to Edmonton, the Tan Tornado stopped Marvin Baker of San Francisco at 1:40 of the first round. The knockout was Walls' eleventh one-round KO win in 27 fights—a better record than Joe Louis'.

Big Earl starched Baker with a lashing left hook which beat the Californian's right cross to the mark. It was strictly a one-punch knockout. The blow paralyzed Baker but there were no bad after effects and his head was clearing as the fatal 10 was tolled.

Walls, the best looking heavyweight prospect to come out of Canada since Tommy Burns held the world crown, weighed 192½. Baker tipped the Toledos at 186.

Windmilling Gene Ericson, eager young heavyweight from the boondocks north of Edmonton, scored a sensational upset victory over Pietro Alessandrini.

Alessandrini, rising Italian heavy with a potent right hand, figured to win from here to there. Alessandrini had Erickson down twice but the game country boy ended the argument with a whistling overhand right at the 1:30 mark of the third round. Alessandrini, 198, entered the ring with a blocked nasal passage and has since been temporarily sidelined by the condition.

In the six-round semi-final, Jackie Headon nodded Jerry Fraser by a split decision vote in a mauling, clinch-cluttered affair. Headon, who boasts a heavy left hook, had difficulty hitting the target. Fraser weighed 147, Headon, 154.

In another welterweight battle, Teddy Herrington, who has explosive punching power in his right hand, belted out veteran Charlie Schafers of Morinville at 1:55 of the first. Herrington has won all his fights here by KO's and is a product of Edmonton amateur ranks.

In another four, rugged Kid Sinclair of Slave Lake bulled his way to a decisive win over Clint Murphy of Amberc Valley. Both are light-heavyweights.

Buddy MacDonald and Joey Velez, Seattle welter, headlined Berry's card here. Velez, 142, the veteran with the withered leg, won decisively over 10 rounds. The good-looking MacDonald, 136, broke his left hand in the second round.

In the six-round semi-final Sonny Jones, 153, Vancouver, decisioned Jackie Headon, 159, Edmonton.

Jerry Fraser, colorful Ponoka welter, outspeeded Earnest Ernie Demchuk, 139, Edmonton over the six-round route. Fraser weighed 140.

Pietro Alessandrini, 199, Italy, drew with Jock MacLean, 200, Calgary in four. In the curtain raiser Tennessee Kid used brave Frenchy Germaine as a sitting duck over four rounds. The boys are featherweights.

RING RAMBLINGS.—Berry was sadly forced to turn away 1,000 fans at the door during the Walls-Baker battle. . . . Walls is a dead ringer for Ol' Brown Joe in looks as well as ring mannerisms. . . . He takes that little hop before he pulverizes his foes, just like Joe used to do. . . . However, Walls can chill 'em with one punch while Louis used a combination of blows. . . . Leo LeClerc has signed Jerry Fraser.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

PROMOTER HANK STEZAR, who in the past has had more fighters in his Town Hall Arena, hasn't put on a boxing show during the past year, but boy, oh boy, how he is crowding them in for his wrestling shows, which he features twice a month, showing known TV stars, and having sellouts most of the time. In one of his latest shows he pitted Hans Schmidt against Billy Melby. Schmidt, the "meanest man" in wrestling, took two out of three falls over Melby. The show grossed $3,056.02.

Amateur boxing attracted more than 2,500 fans at the Carbondale Catholic Youth Center, Carbondale, in their first show of the Winter season. The fistic program was sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Rose Church. The shows are to be given on a monthly basis.

In the battle of the giants at Town Hall, Killer Kowalski deposed of the Mighty Goliath in the feature match of Promoter Hank Stezar's wrestling show. Kowalski, who stands seven inches over six feet and weighs 275 pounds, was the victor over Goliath, who stands seven feet and tips the Fairbanks at 325, in the best two out of three falls.

The show proved another financial success for Stezar, who apparently has forgotten about staging boxing. A crowd of 2,304 fans paid out a gross of $3,508.60.

Promoter Roy Hatcher continues to pack in the boxing beetles at his twice-a-month amateur shows at the South Main Street Armory. Dick Lee, Suplee's Boys' Club, scored a TKO over Jim O'Day, DAV, in 33 seconds of the fifth round in the feature bout. Lee is a great prospect and should go a long way in the pro ranks.

Bob Barnes decisioned Charles Morrissy, Newport, in the five-round welterweight semi-final.

Waiting for the Bell.—Joey DeJohn, Syracuse middleweight is training for bouts by climbing over the mountains in the Poconos. . . . Henry Stezar, local promoter, addressed the Exchange Club at Hotel Casey on "The Life of a Promoter." Stezar told the Exchange Club members that at one time there were 221 local boys in training for the boxing game but now he only knows of two. Hank also appeared on a TV show in Wilkes-Barre. . . . Bobby Lloyd seen at the wrestling shows. . . . Your correspondent was pressed into service as a judge at the Carbondale amateur show . . . which by the way was a dandy and a fine crowd, which only shows that boxing is not dead when one can pack in more than 2,500 fans to witness action. . . . This writer has his tiger, Jesse Keeler, ready for action and willing to fight anyone. He can be booked by contacting me at Box 47, LaPlume, Pa.

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THE JACOBS I KNEW

By NAT FLEISCHER

(This is the third and last article on the life and operations of the late Mike Jacobs, by the only man qualified to tell the inside story.)

NOW let me tell you about the fight between Tommy Farr and Joe Louis, for the heavyweight title, in which the champion outpointed the Briton in 15 rounds in Yankee Stadium on August 30, 1937. Mike Jacobs ran that show and I had considerable to do with it.

In order to arrange a heavyweight championship fight these days, it is necessary to assemble a corps of legal advisors, a batch of political "big shots", and to possess to some degree, the science of manipulation —an art that enables one to get the jump on his rivals. That's why boxing today is a gigantic commercial sport.

Never was the science of manipulation better exemplified than in the case of two world heavyweight championships in which Louis was a principal—the first with Jimmy Braddock, the other with Farr.

The stories of those contests are too well known to be discussed in detail here, but suffice it to say that shrewd chess board play by Jacobs enabled him to outguess and outsmart his rivals by such a wide margin that it was "no contest".

What he did was well within the law, but both matches brought court action, in Jacobs' favor. Both in England, where the Farr case was heard before the bench, and in America, where on three occasions the United States Federal Courts were asked to act, the verdict was that nothing illegal had been done by Jacobs and therefore the bouts which he arranged could be staged as scheduled by him. The complainant could sue for damages.

All of which leads us to the fact that I was instrumental in making it possible for two foreigners to fight for the world heavyweight championship, Max Schmeling and Farr, not mentioning seven other world title bouts in the smaller divisions in which I had a hand.

FARR, who had triumphed over Walter Neusel after having handed Max Baer a beating, and previously had taken the measure of two other former American champions—Bob Olin and Tommy Loughran—was sitting pretty. He was the undisputed British Empire heavyweight king. He had gained an international reputation, but the money which comes ordinarily to a champion, especially a heavyweight king, was not falling into his lap.

Tommy, a Welshman with a keen commercial sense, was becoming unruly because he thought that his manager, Ted Broadribb, was not getting for him the proper share of the King's guineas. British papers were harping on a possible break between the pair. Sports editorials commented on the fact that Broadribb was hailing Tommy before the British Boxing Board of Control to compel him to live up to their agreement.

I long had been friendly with Broadribb. He wrote to me informing me of his troubles and asked if there was any suggestion I could make

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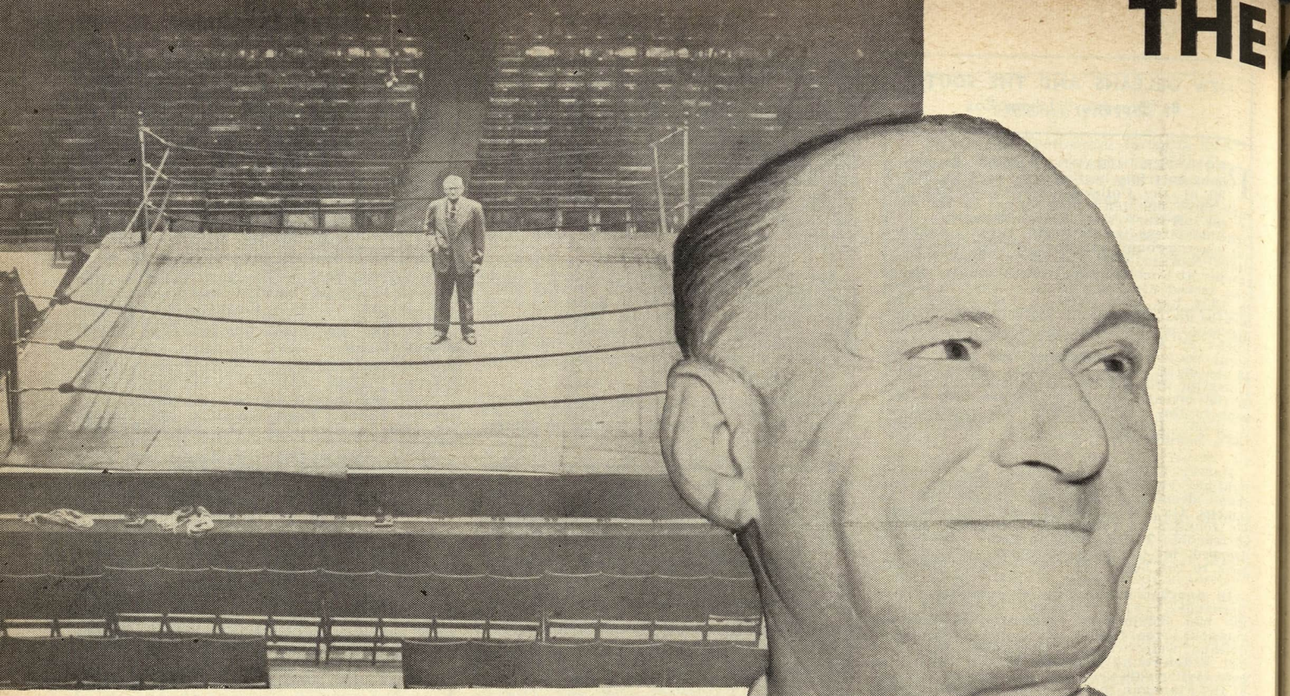
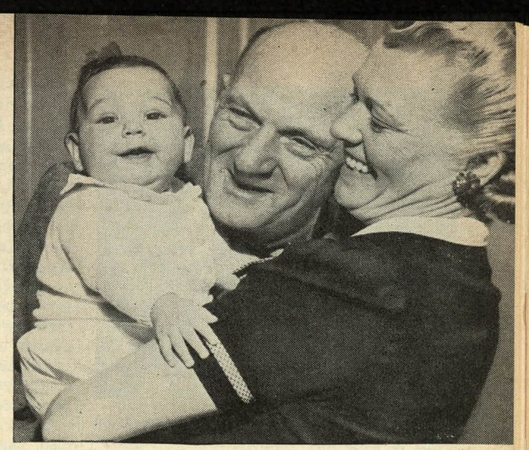


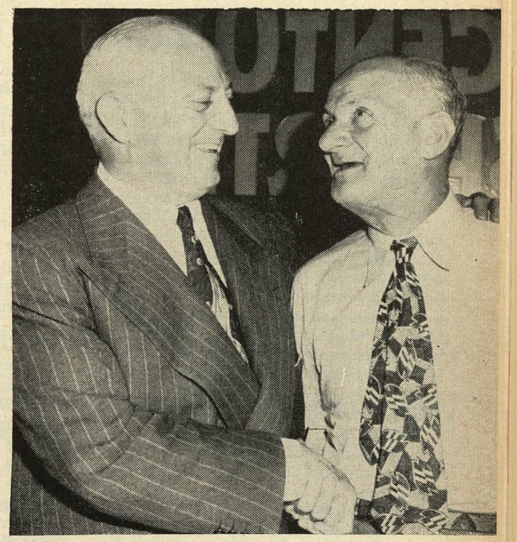
Mike Jacobs surveys the arena of his greatest triumphs, an empty Madison Square Garden, hours before he put on his last show, Robert Villemain headlining against Pete Mead, on May 20, 1949. Jacobs officially bowed out June 1 along with his 20th Century Sporting Club.

Joe Louis (right), then heavyweight champion of the world, talks over the possibilities of a title bout with Mike Jacobs while at Miami, Fla., during an exhibition tour in January 1949. But Louis gave up the title in March and Jacobs wound up his career a couple of months later.

Mike Jacobs (seated right) signs to take over the promotions of professional boxing in Mad Square Garden. Center is Stanton Griffis, president of the Garden, with Jimmy Johns then matchmaker, looking on. Standing (left to right) is a Garden lawyer and Sol Str



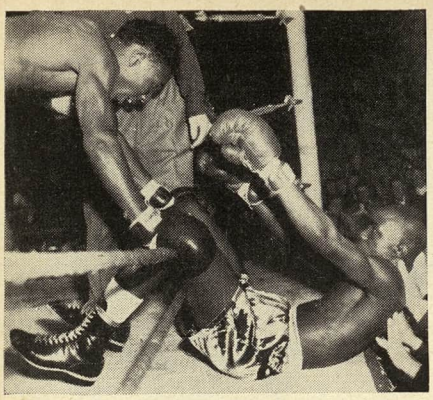
Uncle Mike and Josie beamed happily when they adopted five-month-old Joan, a chubby, bright-eyed and dark-haired miss in 1944.



General John Reed Kilpatrick, president of Madison Squa Garden, shakes hands with Mike Jacobs at a press conferen when the promoter announced his virtual retirement fro boxing.

A Tree Grows in Rumson. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jacobs shown in the green house of their Rumson, N. J., home inspecting one of their candle trees.

Mike Jacobs (left) chats with Wendell Willkie (center) and Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews before the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer title bout in 1942 which Jacobs staged for the benefit of the Navy Relief Fund.



Timmie Smith (right) of the Chicago team seems to be sitting this one out as opponent Henry Smith looks on during their 135-pound alternate bout of the Inter-City Golden Gloves championships held at Chicago Stadium.

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that would bring about harmony.

A life story of Farr, and an editorial beseeching him to make peace with Broadribb, brought a letter from Tommy that the situation between Ted and him was not so critical.

He also informed me that he was eager to take a trip to America and that anything I could do to help would be appreciated.

Those words of Farr's started me on a plan that shortly became so gigantic that I couldn't conceive, after it had been consummated, that I had launched it. It developed into the greatest event in the history of British pugilism since Charley Mitchell had fought John L. Sullivan.

Schmeling had been shunted aside to make room for Louis as an opponent for Braddock in a fight for the world heavyweight crown. Max didn't wait in America for the Louis-Braddock bout, which the Brown Bomber won.

In Europe, Max shouted that he had been so shabbily treated in America by those who had been in honor bound to give him first crack at Braddock's title, that he would do a little manipulating himself. I didn't blame him.

He figured that if he could eliminate those who might be used as possible opponents for Louis, then he could force the issue and make Jacobs pay dearly.

He knew that Mike was dickering for a fight between Louis and Farr for England. Arrangements had practically been completed to take over 17 New York scribes, with myself in charge, to stage, in partnership with Gen. Critchley and Syd Hulls representing Wembley Stadium, a heavyweight championship bout in London.

But as things turned out the fighter whom Jacobs had sidetracked was the one to upset the plans.

Confident that he could whip Farr and thus prevent the international bout and assure himself of a championship contest, Schmeling got in touch with Hulls and Gen. Critchley and asked them to arrange a fight with Farr with the world title, now claimed by Schmeling.

Broadribb agreed to such a bout provided it was staged in London and not in Berlin as Schmeling requested, and that the European Boxing Federation and the British Boxing Board of Control would recognize the winner as world champion.

Jacobs countered with a proposition that Max fight Louis for the crown in August in New York. His idea was to stage that fight first and then take Louis to London to meet Farr in early October or late September. Jacobs and Louis' mentors were confident that Joe could beat Schmeling in a return engagement, and put him out of the heavyweight picture.

Mike cabled his terms to Schmeling and for five days awaited an answer. None came.

He then requested the New York Boxing Commission to send Schmeling a cable asking him if he was prepared to fight Louis for the world title in New York in August. Again no answer.

The reason for the German's silence soon became known. Soon came an announcement in Berlin that Schmeling and Farr would fight for the world championship in Germany and that Europe recognized Schmeling, not Louis, as the titleholder.

To back Schmeling, the British Boxing Board of Control declared that Louis was not the world champion and would not be recognized as such until he whipped Schmeling. The French Boxing Federation concurred.

THUS Jacobs found his plans for a championship fight in the air. He was desperate. He called on me.

"How close are you to Farr and his manager?" asked Jacobs the day after Louis had beaten Braddock.

We were in the Morrison Hotel in Chicago when the question was asked. It was 11 o'clock at night when Jacobs received the information telling of Schmeling's deal with Jacobs' supposed partners in the British venture. He was all upset.

"I'm very friendly with both," I told Mike, "especially with Broadribb. What's wrong?"

"Schmeling has not answered my cable. I must act quickly. The Louis trip to Europe is off. Schmeling is determined to fight Farr, to stop me from showing Louis against anyone but himself. See if you can get Broadribb on the telephone and get a lowdown on the situation. If you can get Farr to fight Louis for me, I'll give you ten percent of my profits," said Jacobs.

I waited until one o'clock in the morning. I put in a trans-Atlantic telephone call to London for Broadribb.

At four in the morning, while Trevor Wignall, British scribe, was sitting in my room with me awaiting the call so that he could obtain a beat for his paper, the phone rang. It was a call from Broadribb.

"Hello, Ted," I said, "sorry to get you out of bed. I'm calling to get the lowdown on the Farr-Schmeling fight. Have you signed? Mike Jacobs wants to give your man the chance that no British champion has had since Charley Mitchell's days—an opportunity to fight here for the world title. Will you accept?"

"Sorry, old man, but I can't do it. What will they think of me if I should suddenly say that I don't want the Schmeling fight after I've told them to go ahead and get the German for Tommy?"

"Ted," I replied, "you knew right along that we were coming to London in a few weeks for a Farr-Louis match. Weren't you told that?"

"I read it here in Wignall's column, but didn't know definitely. Had I been sure, you know that nothing would have stood in the way. It would have been different. That's the one fight we want and would grab it," Ted countered.

"Well, Ted," I replied, "it isn't too late. You haven't signed, and Schmeling is simply doing this in order to stop Farr or any one else from getting Louis. He wants Joe for himself. Can't you see that?"

The first appearance of a British heavyweight champion in America for the title, in thirty years, was in the making.

I informed Jacobs of our conversation. He was down in the dumps.

"I won't let Schmeling cross me after what I was trying to arrange for him. He'll either agree to fight Louis for the championship under my control in August or Farr will get the chance no matter what the cost. Call him again tomorrow."

At midnight the second day I again put in a call for Broadribb. We again discussed the situation fully and to that which he already had told me, he added:

"I have been advised that the German Boxing Commission, the French Federation and the British Board of Boxing Control will help by declaring Schmeling, not Louis, the champion, so that our fight will be for the title."

"Ridiculous," I answered. "Ted, you're too smart to be fooled that way. Louis is the champion and if you beat Louis then you've reached the goal of your ambition. If you have already signed, then I won't dicker any longer with you. I don't want to be a party to a broken agreement."

"You're not going to be," replied Broadribb, "I have no contract. Hulls has an option on our services but unless he can get Schmeling and he meets the terms upon which the tentative arrangements have been made, there'll be no fight with Schmeling."

"What are the terms?" I asked Ted.

"He has offered Farr $30,000, and will advertise the bout for the championship."

"How would you like to get double that sum, Ted." I asked.

"Do you mean that, Nat?" he inquired in surprise.

"Yes, Ted," I said. "Mike Jacobs is sitting here with me and he will pay double any sum you've been offered, if you have not yet signed."

"I'd like to say yes, Nat," he informed me, "but I'm honor bound to protect Hulls and Gen. Critchley and unless

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at Chantilly, France, on the estate of Baron Rothschild, March 10, 1888. One hundred British sportsmen each contributed $100 to have the gold and silver belt made. During World War II after Mitchell's son was killed in battle, the belt was presented to the British War Museum and was auctioned off many times between 1916 and 1923, the proceeds, which brought a total of $1,200,000, going to the War Wounded Fund. Nat Fleischer paid a duty of $624 to bring the belt to the United States in 1929, a contribution from Ted Broadribb, the British boxing manager who bought it at the final auction.

Nat's library on boxing is the world's largest with not a small part of it written by himself, including "The Heavyweight Championship," "John L. Sullivan, Champion of Champions," "Leonard the Magnificent," "The Michigan Assassin," "Jack McAuliffe, the Napoleon of the Prize Ring," "Terrible Terry, the Brooklyn Terror," "The Flaming Ben Hogan," "Reckless Lady," the five volume "Black Dynamite" series, "Jack Dempsey, the Idol of Fistiana," "Max Baer, the Glamour Boy," and at least a score of others. He also has prepared over a dozen other manuscripts of rich material on the history of boxing which some day will be published.

THE old bell from the Coney Island A. C. still gets rung occasionally though there is a placard attached which requests visitors to refrain from doing just that. The gong is the one which was used in the Jim Jeffries-Bob Fitzsimmons title bout in 1899 when the Old Boilermaker, who recently passed away, won the title. Also there is the old engine bell used in the Jim Corbett-John L. Sullivan fight at New Orleans in 1892.

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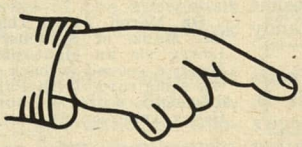

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A CORRECTION

In the April issue, in Tom Ephrem's reports, it was stated that Johnny Mack of Augusta scored a fifth-round kayo over Larry Zernitz in Sarasota. The report should have read that Zernitz stopped Mack in five rounds.

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SO LONG, PAL

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was in 1927, when he tangled with Fidel LaBarba in Chicago. The bout was to a decision, but there was no title at stake. Though he held the flyweight laurels, LaBarba was outgrowing the class and campaigning as a bantam. Fidel proved a bit too young and strong for the aging Moore, and was a winner in ten rounds.

GONE ARE THE BOXING TEACHERS

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most capable of the boxing teachers. The versatile Greenwich Villager who in his younger days kept so busy teaching tap dancing, baseball, golf, and boxing he never found time for matrimony, realized a life ambition when Mike Belloise, a perfect model of his boxing system, won featherweight title recognition some years ago.

Jess made almost a religion of the stand-up style of boxing and the educated left hand and few taught it as well as he did. Among boxing people he is one of the few to have a style named for him. This was the manner of standing with left hand wide and extended in position to either hook or jab, featured by the Belloise brothers and known to the trade as the "Jess Harrington style".

In a trade where patience is paramount, Jess set records for perseverance. A former fireman, he would work endlessly on the slightest movement until he considered it mastered. His boxers were primarily defensive, but he also knew how to teach the knack of sharp decisive hitting.

IN the old days the amateur trainer and teacher was a familiar figure in boxing circles. A few remain serving voluntarily and deriving pleasure rather than payment from their instructing chores. Outstanding among these is New York's Sidney Martin, a postal employee, who enjoys high rating among fight people as one of the most competent students of boxing.

Sid must know his stuff for he proudly points out he has been behind the three youngsters who were voted the outstanding boxers of the N. Y. Golden Gloves tourneys for the past three years—Angie Costa, Tony Anthony, and Tony DiBiase. The gentlemanly New Yorker has had professional experience in the business, but most of his activities have been with the amateurs although he is at present bringing along a pro prospect in Randy Sandy.

Sid's system is based on what he calls "punch variations". Whatever this is, it is getting results since his protege's are easily spotted by the discriminating in the various tournaments.

Martin is very proud of his recent designation by the U. S. Coast Guard as civilian coach of its boxers in the New York area, a tipoff on his ability.

The veteran Spike Webb, long time Olympic and Naval Academy coach has for many years enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most accomplished teachers of boxing. Mr. Webb proved his mettle years ago as coach of the celebrated U. S. Olympic boxing team of 1920 which included such notable Olympic champions as flyweight Frankie Genaro, lightweight Sammy Mosberg and heavyweight Eddie Eagan. Spike has served on the coaching staff of every olympic boxing team since then.

For many years New Jersey claimed one of the best boxing instructors in the country in Allie Ridgeway, ex-featherweight, now a resident of Miami, Fla. This state also had two other talented tutors in Trenton's Jesse Goss and the late Dick O'Connor of Jersey City, Allie today is still in the game. He is training Dave Davey.

Ex-lightweight, Sammy Aaronson better known as a manager, is a former boxer who could pass along the tricks of the boxing trade to his charges.

While best known as a conditioner, the highly respected Whitey Bimstein, one of boxing's superior trainers, handles teaching duties well, as does Angelo Curley of New York. Among the younger handlers Teddy Bentham is a standout. Few can give a youngster as solid a groundwork in boxing as this one time resident of Gene Tunney's old neighborhood, Greenwich Village.

Scattered throughout the country there are other teachers of ability who keep the game alive by readying prospects for the profession of boxing.

TOLEDO FISTIC HEADLINES

By Hal Grothjan

HAROLD JOHNSON, 176, leading light-heavy contender from Philadelphia, had an extremely tough time in gaining a decision from big Bill Gilliam, 208½, Orange, N. J., here on a nationally televised card on March 21. For a big man, Gilliam boxed well and bottled up the classy Johnson several times but the Philly craftsman rallied in the later rounds to win the duke.

In the semi-final, Pat Lowry, 148½, Toledo, chalked up his twenty-fourth win in 26 fights by stopping Nate Huskey, 143, Detroit, in 2:28 of the sixth round.

In another crowd-pleaser, Pedro Gonzales, 161½, Pittsburg, pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over Billy Gordon, 162, Philadelphia. The best action-fight of the card featured Irish Pat Clarey, 161, and Bobby Wilson, 163, both Toledo prospects, who slugged it out to a four-round draw. Clarey is unbeaten in four pro fights and it was Wilson's pro debut. The final bout of the night was a first-round kayo registered by Mike DeJohn, 208, Syracuse, over Bill Bailey, 215, in 1:50.

Herb Mickles, Toledo Golden Glove lightweight monarch, captured the national "GG" championship last month by winning the Chicago tourney and walloping New Yorker Joe Trufaro in the inter-city clash at Chicago. Mickles, a 19-year-old portsider with loads of class, is an excellent pro prospect but wishes to enter college next fall.

On March 24 at the Motor City Arena, Pat Manzi of Syracuse upset Toledo's Pat Lowry via an eight-round decision. It was Lowry's second setback in 25 pro bouts. On the same card, Irish Pat Clarey, Toledo middleweight, scored a four-round decision over Davey Anderson, Detroit, in an exciting scrap.

Jim (Red) Elby, popular Toledo middleweight, is working out daily at Sid Goldberg's gym and plans to return to action after a three-months layoff. . . . Charley Cotton recently captured an Army tourney in Seoul in the 175-pound class. Cotton, from Toledo, plans to resume his pro career upon his discharge. . . . Contact this writer at 3617 Bellevue, Toledo, or at the Editorial Office of the *Toledo Times*.

THE JACOBS I KNEW

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they fail to do what they have promised, I'm afraid I'll have to say no until after Farr beats Schmeling which I tell you he'll surely do."

"That'll be too late, Ted," I answered.

With that, we said good night and I waited for two more days before I again heard from Broadribb. This time he called me.

"Nat," he said, "Hulls has violated our agreement. He was sworn to secrecy on the amount he was to pay Farr for Schmeling, and instead, he has given out a story telling what Farr is to get and that has riled Tommy. I don't blame him. He's raising havoc here, saying he's worth every penny as much as the German, and not as Hulls announced, half as much. I've told Hulls it's all off. I'm ready to take on Louis for Mike if you say I should."

JACOBS again was at my side. I told him the news. "Clinch the match!" he said. "You'll share in my promotion."

I clinched the fight for Mike. I informed Broadribb that we would give Farr $60,000 guarantee, four round trip tickets and 25 percent of the movie and radio rights. That news flabbergasted the British manager, who remarked:

"You mean that, Nat?"—That's wonderful! The bout is on.

Thus the bout for Farr was arranged. After Broadribb had given his consent, Jacobs wanted me to go to London with Sol Strauss, his lawyer, to sign for the fight and also to aid Ted and Farr in getting out of the country because of the court action which was threatened by Syd Hulls and Gen. Critchley. But I turned it down. I told Mike I couldn't make it. Sol Strauss went alone and brought back Farr and because of that he took all the credit for making the match. Neither he nor Jacobs would have gotten to first base with Farr, had it not been for me. I didn't receive a penny for my services.

The day after Broadribb had accepted the match Farr called me on the telephone and thanked me. He was overjoyed at the prospect of coming to America.

FARR said, "The newspapers here have a story from Germany saying that I'm a fool for agreeing to go to America to fight Louis, because only New York, of all the States, has recognized the Negro as champion. The story says that all the commissions except New York have decided that Schmeling is the real titleholder because he had complied with his terms of the agreement for the Braddock fight and Braddock had run out on him.

"If that's the case," continued Tommy, "then I don't want to fight Joe. It's the champion that I want and whoever he is, Louis or Schmeling, he's the chap I'm going to fight."

"Rest easy, Tommy," I replied. "That story is a phoney. I give you my assurance that every state in the country, New York included, accepts Louis and not Schmeling as the champion. They have placed Max as leading contender but gave the title to Joe. If you think I'm spoofing you, I'll have a story cabled over by the National Boxing Association within two hours. Cable me when you see it in the papers. If it doesn't come, then we'll forget the fight here and you can take on Schmeling."

Within five minutes I got busy with the National Boxing Association. I called up Rhode Island, the headquarters of Ed Foster, executive secretary of the National Association.

"Ed," I said, "I just had London on the telephone. I was informed that a story has come from Germany to the effect that the National Boxing Association has accepted Schmeling as world titleholder. Is that a fact? Has your orgainization done that?"

"Certainly not," he said. "Louis is the champion and Schmeling the challenger."

"Will you confirm that for me by wiring each of the executive heads of each state and ask them who they regard as the champion? Tabulate the answers. I'll pay the cost," I said.

WITHIN an hour and a half, the Associated Press, United Press and all of the other services were notified by wire by Mr. Foster that an executive mail vote of the Association showed that every one of the 31 states in the N.B.A. had voted to support Louis as champion. This, at my request and expense, was also cabled to Europe and in about three hours from the time Farr had tipped me off, I was on the telephone again, this time with Broadribb, who informed me that all of the papers were carrying the correction.

It was that move which clinched the Farr-Louis match and gave to a British heavyweight champion a chance that no Englishman had had since the Corbett-Mitchell fight in 1894.

IN INDIANA RINGS

By Tony Coppi

THE Hoosier Boxing Club, with Al Farb as matchmaker and promoter, plans to bring professional boxing back to Indianapolis after almost a year's absence.

RING SCRAPS: Tony Zale, former world middleweight champion, has been granted a license to referee in Indiana. . . . Zale made his debut in a wrestling match (ouch). . . . Carlos Freeman and Homer Goodling have also received licenses. . . . In the last issue we stated Joe Arthur was co-managed by Al Farb and Tom Leeper. This was an error as Farb is a promoter and cannot manage any fighters. . . . Oscar Warnock of Terre Haute and Bruff Cleary of Fort Wayne have been granted license renewals. . . . A bill signed by the Governor of Indiana increases the weight of boxing gloves from six to eight ounces, a safety measure long advocated by Commissioner Arch Hindman.

This writer's address is 515 Stover, Indianapolis, Ind.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By Eddie Beck

GEORGIE ARAUJO, Providence's leading lightweight contender, was presented with the Everlast Sportsmanship Award. Boxing Commissioner Tony Petronella presented the beautiful trophy to Georgie on Warren Walden's TV sports show.

Steve Marcello, fast rising local welter, is a favorite to beat Wilbur Wilson for the New England welter crown. Marcello will appear in Madison Sq. Garden in May. Dutchy McCoy is now managing Almeida's Gym. Jackie Weber, Freddy Buroza, Greg Paulos and Red Dooley are all preparing comebacks.

Al Provost, a former local boxer and coach at Bradley, Mitchell and Westover fields, has high hopes for his featherweight protege, Frankie Savino.

Harry Devine and Eddie Shapiro are staging boxing at Worcester.

We have some boys who are just starting off as boxers and among them, Joe Izzi, a Charles St. lad and Raf Perfetto, a Johnston boy, look promising.

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Don Theroux, from Coventry, was crowned New England bantamweight champ. Don is managed by Larry McManus.

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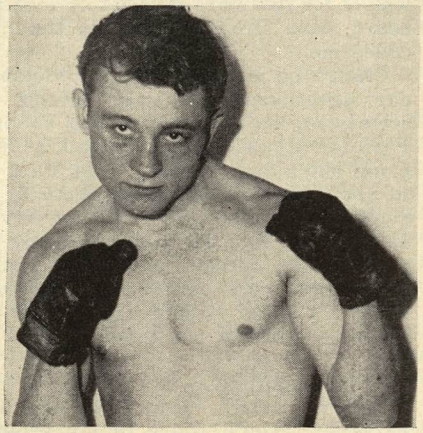
Young and Carruthers are Fighters of Month

The RING RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER



Paddy Young.

JIMMY CARRUTHERS, Australian bantamweight champion who successfully defended his title against Vic Toweel in their return bout in Johannesburg and Paddy Young, New York's contribution to the world middleweight tournament to decide the successor to Ray Robinson, share the "Fighter of the Month" honors for April. The lad from Down Under stopped Toweel for the second time. He turned the trick in the tenth round to retain his laurels.

Young's splendid victory over Ernie Durando in the Garden enabled him to move into an American middleweight match with Bobo Olson, a bout that will furnish the opponent for the Turpin-Humez victor in a world championship bout. Olson and Young are the leaders among the American contingent of middleweight contenders and their coming battle will crown the U. S. title holder.

The latter part of March and the first fortnight in April found boxing at a low level. It was a dull period with few of the rated boxers engaging in major contests.

In the heavyweight division Ezzard Charles continued his rise by handing Rex Layne a shellacking in their third bout. Ezz soundly trounced Rex in ten rounds in California and now rates another shot at the world title.

Dan Bucceroni climbed several pegs by his knockout of Dave Davey and Tommy Harrison,

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending April 18, 1953

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1—Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.
2—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio
3—Roland LaStarza, New York, N. Y.
4—Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Tommy Harrison, Oakland, Calif.
7—Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
8—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
9—Karel Sys, Belgium
10—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
1—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
2—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
4—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash.
5—Yolande Pompee, Trinidad, B.W.I.
6—Jimmy Slade, New York, N. Y.
7—Rocky Jones, Chester, Pa.
8—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
9—Dennis Powell, Wales
10—Mel Brown, St. Paul, Minn.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Title Vacant
1—Radolph Turpin, England
2—Carl (Bobo) Olson, Hawaii
3—Charley Humez, France
4—Pierre Langlois, France
5—Paddy Young, New York
6—Joe Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.
8—Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa.
9—Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.
10—Norman Hayes, Boston, Mass.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba
1—Billy Graham, New York, N. Y.
2—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
3—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Joe Miceli, New York, N. Y.
5—Johnny Saxton, New York, N. Y.
6—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Chuck Davey, Lansing, Mich.
8—Carmen Basilio, Canastota, N. Y.
9—Gerald Dreyer, South Africa
10—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
James Carter, New York, N. Y.
1—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
2—Tommy Collins, Boston, Mass.
3—Paddy DeMarco, New York, N. Y.
4—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
5—Orlando Zulueta, Havana, Cuba
6—Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada
7—Arthur King, Toronto, Canada
8—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.
9—Henry Davis, Honolulu, T. H.
10—Frank Johnson, England

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, U. S. Army
1—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
2—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
3—Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Baby Ortiz, Mexico City
6—Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.
7—Ray Famechon, France
8—Lauro Salas, Mexico
9—Puppy Garcia, Havana, Cuba
10—Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia
1—Robert Cohen, France
2—Pappy Gault, Spartanburg, S. C.
3—Vic Toweel, South Africa
4—Emile Chemama, France
5—Peter Keenan, Scotland
6—Maurice Sandeyron, France
7—Gianni Zuddas, Italy
8—Robert Meunier, France
9—Luis Castillo, Mexico
10—Flash Elorde, Manila, P. I.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan
1—Jake Tuli, Gold Coast, W.A.
2—Tanny Campo, Manila, P.I.
3—Terry Allen, England
4—Eric Marsden, England
5—Jimmy Pearce, England
6—Vic Herman, Scotland
7—Louis Skena, France
8—Charles Bohbot, French Morocco
9—Young Martin, Spain
10—Nazareno Gianelli, Italy

who has been fighting as a heavyweight, has joined the ranking ten. Coley Wallace has been eliminated pending his return from the motion picture work he is engaging. He's taking the part of Joe Louis in the life story of the Brown Bomber.

Wes Bascom has been dropped from the light-heavyweight division and Dennis Powell, newly crowned cruiserweight champion of Great Britain and Mel Brown, American who is touring Europe, have joined the ranks of the elite. Though we have been panned by Harry Matthews' friends for not putting him high up in the heavyweight ratings, he continues to be listed among the light-heavies until such time as he resumes fighting and joins that division. Because of inactivity he is listed fourth.

The defeat of Gil Turner by Joe Giardello, a middleweight, brought Gil down a peg in the ranking and advanced Johnny Bratton to second place under Billy Graham. Lester Felton and Wallace Smith have been dropped and Carmen Basilio and Ramon Fuentes, hard hitting Californian with a fine string of victories, have taken their places.

The upset defeat in Manila of Eddie Chavez of Los Angeles by Bonnie Espinosa, Filipino lightweight king, lost Chavez his high post. From fourth he has been dropped to eighth and Espinosa now is pounding on the door of the rated ten.

The defeat of Percy Bassett, the N.B.A.'s interim featherweight champion, by Dave Gallardo and Gallardo's defeat by Baby Ortiz who also kayoed the Cuban king, Ciro Morasen, brought about a shift in that class. It enabled Willie Pep, recently reinstated by the New York Commission, to regain the top ranking challenger's post, one he long enjoyed after losing his crown to Saddler. Willie is travelling as of old. He's the cream of the feather class.

Teddy Davis has advanced to second place and Gallardo to third. Bassett has dropped to fourth and Baby Ortiz has joined the ranking ten as fifth contender.

Here are the results of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles soundly trounced Rex Layne, 10. Dan Bucceroni halted Dave Davey, 8.

Jimmy Bivins lost to light-heavyweight Tommy Harrison, 10. Willie James kayoed Bert Whitehurst, 3, but lost to Jimmy Walker, 10. Canadian champion Earl Walls flattened Marvin Baker, 1.

Cleveland Williams kayoed Terry O'Connor, 3, and Ponce DeLeon, 2. Tommy Jackson kayoed Elmo Lincoln, 3. Leonard Morrow kayoed Abel Fernandez, 8.

Bill Gilliam lost to light-heavyweight Harold Johnson, 10. Ken Brady outpointed Don Mullett, 10, but lost to Chubb Keith, 10.

Al Spaulding was kayoed by light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore, 3. Nino Valdez lost in 10 to Archie Moore. Frank Buford was stopped by Archie Moore, 9. Oscar Menozzi won from Robert Masson, 10. Terry McDonald outpointed Irish champion Paddy Slavin, 8.

Leonard Dugan beat John McFalls, 10. Billy Mack outpointed Chuck Connors, 6. Sonny Jones scored over Shirley Pemberton, 8. Gunther Nurnberg kayoed Werner Wiegand, 7. Neal Walsh kayoed Ed Temple, 2.

Mario Crisostome stopped Joe Weinbrecht, 5. Joe Bygraves outpointed Les Johnson, 6. Bobby Wise kayoed Charley Kalani, 3. Wilson Kohlbrecher held to draw by Hans Friedrichs, 6. Kirby Searls upset James Cartwright, 6. Jesse Manigault kayoed Al Roberts, 5.

Billy Mayo kayoed Al Hunter, 4. Claude Rolfe kayoed Rube Turner, 4, and Lee Pearce, 7, and beat Pearce, 10. Ingemar Johansson became Scandinavian champion by beating Erik Jensen, 6. George Tsaldaris kayoed Kenny Johnson, 4. Elia Rogalla kayoed Jack Jacobs, 1.

Tunny Hunsacker upset Joe Arthur, 10. Jack McVicar came off the floor six times to draw with Simon Templar, 8. Emerson Harris kayoed Eddie Murphy, 2. Al Schlimm stopped Elie Rogalla, 5. Mike DeJohn kayoed Billy Bailey, 1.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

World champion Archie Moore kayoed Al Spaulding, 3, and Frank Buford, 9, and outpointed Nino Valdez, 10. Yolande Pompee kayoed Isimeli Radrodro, 3.

Harold Johnson edged out heavyweight Bill Gilliam, 10. Danny Nardico stopped Nash Karahan, 1. Dennis Powell won vacant British title by stopping George Walker, 11. Wes Bascom was held to a draw by Gordon Wallace, 8.

Tommy Harrison decisioned Jimmy Bivins, 10. Mel Brown beat Henry Bray, 10. Andrew Godwin beat Cal Vernon, 5, and Charley Polk, 5. Winnfried Henne stopped Carlos Rocha, 3. New Zealand champion Chubb Keith decisioned heavyweight Ken Brady, 10. Eddie Cotton kayoed Lonnie Malone, 3. Juan Torrecillas outpointed Herbert Waniek, 8. Frank Favaro kayoed Lou King, 8, and Billy Reeves, 1. Willi Hoepner stopped Hans Strelecki, 7, and Jo Roude, 4.

Billy Kilgore outfought Irwin Shultz, 10. Richie James kayoed Roosevelt LaBroad, 1. Joey Rowan kayoed Don Alva, 5. Bob Wise defeated Churck Woodworth, 10.

Ben Skelton kayoed Chuck Hunter, 1. Gunter Sladky stopped Smelders Dominique, 2. Pat Cleary beat Davey Anderson, 6. Jean Corhay suffered first pro defeat when he lost to Serge Barthelemy, 8. Vincente Quiroz kayoed Agustin Cerroni, 7. Arhtur Howard stopped Fred Jackson, 2, and beat Bert Sanders, 8. Dieter Hucks drew with Henri Chebaut, 6.

Sal Flores kayoed Cal Johnson, 2. Eddie Vincent defeated Bob Young, 6. Albert Finch outboxed Johnny Barton, 8. Toni Gruber whipped Hans Streicher, 4. Andre Tessier drew with Bob Provizzi, 6. Marcel Limage iced Ives Calamari, 1, and won Belgian title by halting Victor D'Haes, 8.

Harvey Fellon outpointed Jimmy Jewell, 10. Tony Lord defeated Ken Rowlands, 6. Charles Colin walloped Giuliano Pancani, 10. Don Robinson stopped Bob Wise, 6. Al Allotey won from Dave Williams, 8.

Joe Rowan kayoed Ernie Sanders, 1. Larry Zernitz scored over Tony Johnson, 8, and kayoed Johnny Mack, 5, but lost to Bob Isler, 6. George Singleton kayoed Cecil Davis, 3. Gerhard Hecht stopped Albert Finch, 8.

Howard King stopped Ike Bean, 4. Art Wright beat Sonny Wilcox, 6. Bill Lanza kayoed Ernie Dickson, 2. Chuck Speiser stopped Billy Fifield, 7. Clarence Hinnart kayoed Johnny Pratt, 6, and beat Miller Tack, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Paddy Young outfought Ernie Durando, 12. Joe Giardello upset Gil Turner, 10.

Pierre Langlois outfought Bobby Dykes, 10, and Jimmy Beau, 10. Dykes decisioned Jimmy Martinez, 10. Australian champion Al Bourke lost to Alfie Sands, 12 (non-title). Sands also disposed of Jack McIvor, 3, and whipped Bobby Greville, 12.

Chico Vejar defeated Vince Martinez, 10. Joe Blackwood defeated George Benton, 10. Bobby Dawson repeated previous decision over Gordon Hazell, 10. Bobby King halted Charlie Goulart, 1.

Georgie Johnson stopped Jimmy DeCerio, 7. Jimmy Martinez beat Jesse Fuentes, 10. Bobby Hughes kayoed Jimmy Guy, 2. Antonio Monzon outpointed Jose Alberto Diaz, 10.

Holly Mimms kayoed Eddie Green, 9. Cyrille Delannoit continued comback campaign by whipping Said Khelfa, 10. Khelfa also was outpointed by Martin Hansen, 8. Tommy Smith beat Billy Andy, 8. Bob Boyd kayoed Chuck Coleman, 6, and beat Ted Olla, 8. Emile Delmine stopped Tiny Pierluigi, 2.

Jesse Turner kayoed Sylvester Perkins, 9. Garth Panter kayoed Grover Jackson, 8. Jimmy Herring stopped Johnny Cerky, 8.

Joe Rindone beat Freddy Lott, 10, and Jackie Keough, 10. Jimmy Franklin upset Sampson Powell, 8. Tex Gonzales defeated Vinnie D'Andrea, 8. Lester Felton defeated Gus Rubicini, 8.

Willie Vaughn outpointed Charlie Cato, 10, and Earl Turner, 10. Antonio Diaz defeated Juan Zalazar, 12. Serge Barthelemy whipped Germinal Dallarin, 10. Harry Braelow stopped Bill Dowling, 1. Danny Rubino outfought Billy Andy, 8. Marcel Assire edged out Tino Albanese, 10.

Willie Boyd upset Roger Muriel, 6, and beat Carl Jackson, 6. Charley Anglee decisioned Kay Kalio, 10. Jimmy Morris kayoed Gene Betzel, 7. Al Andrews outpointed Joe Leudanski, 8.

Willis Johnson halted Ted Gorie, 6. Tony Feliciano walloped Claudio Rossi, 10. Eddie Green beat Jimmy Jewell, 10. Leo Brennan outfought Bill Larrigo, 12.

Eric McQuade demolished Jack Baker, 1. Bobby Elliott beat Baby Williams, 10. Ron Crookes decisioned George Roe, 8, but lost to Wally Backett, 8. Wally also kayoed Welsh champion Roy Agland, 1.

Georgie Holzman beat Sal DeMartino, 8. Baby Day decisioned Gilbert Stock, 10. Ed Springer beat Glen Hendershot, 8, and Phil Saad, 6. Tino Longoria beat Nenoz Solomon and Dennis Woodbury, 6.

Russ Gillam defeated Jimmy Coleman, 6. Pat Best beat Joey Greco, 6. Charley Anglee outfought Kay Kalio, 10. Joe Grimard beat Vern Stevenson, 8.

Tony Percy kayoed Tiger Roy, 2. Johnny Mitchell beat Ted Olla, 6. Esau Ferdinand beat Dick Finley, 10. Joe Brewer beat Red Archie, 8.

Armando Cotero stopped Spencer Coleman, 5. Jose Contreras defeated Freddy Lott, 10. Mack Stanford defeated Pete Arabello, 8. Al Warner drew with Irwin Schulz, 6. Jimmy Washington outfought Jimmy Suber, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Bratton kayoed Bobby Jones, 5. Gil Turner lost to middleweight Joe Giardello, 10. Thirty-two-year-old Gilbert Lavoine won vacant European title when he was declared winner on disqualification over Cliff Curvis, 10. Ramon Fuentes halted Freddie (Babe) Herman, 5.

Johnny Saxton decisioned Charlie Williams, 10. Peter Fallon edged out Wally Thom, 12. Steve Marcello defeated Wilbur Wilson, 12. Carmine Fiore beat Tony Cimmino, 10. Bruno Marostegan was too expereinced for Emile Zilli, 10.

Richie Reed halted Billy Lepido, 7. Pat Manzi upset Pat Lowry, 8. Bernie Newcombe whipped Algar Smith, 8. Calvin Smith was held to a draw by Tiger Rankin, 8.

Ike Williams outscored Vic Cardell, 10. Elmer Beltz kayoed Bob Terrance, 6. Marcel (Rocky) Brisebois kayoed Bryan Kelly, 7.

Miguel Mendivil stopped Tony Anthony, 7. Pran Mikus squared previous defeat by halting Ivor (Kid) Germain, 9. Willie Pastrano defeated Roger Trevino, 8, and Chato Hernandez, 10. Vincente Etcheverria won Spanish title by stopping Victoriano Olivares, 6.

Billy Pinkus kayoed Mike Kelly, 4. Bert Hornby outpointed Darcy Wells, 12, and drew with Alfie Clay, 12. Tommy Morgano defeated Des Shanley, 8.

Carlo Marchini kayoed Jimmy Reeves, 4. Ralph Cervantes defeated Ralph Alvarez, 8. George Price upset Jesse Underwood, 6. Danny Giovanelli stopped Don Braun, 5. Mickey O'Neill stopped Fred Brady, 4. Bobby Lee outscored Joey Greenwood, 8.

Allan Moody defeated Joe Greenwood, 8, and kayoed Mario Terry, 1, and Mario Moreno, 1. Israel Boyle beat Vincent O'Kine, 10. Paoli Rosi stopped Sonny Luciano, 4. Portugese champion Raphael DaSylva outpointed Walter Schneider, 10. Larry Griffin scored over Terry Ryan, 10, and Reggie Martina, 10.

Vince DeCarlo kayoed Herbie Schoen, 6. Lew Lazar halted Jimmy Brogden, 2. Johnny Kamber scored over Bobby Timpson, 6.

Al Pellegrini decisioned Joe Hartegan, 10, and kayoed Eddie Stout, 7. Dick Kerber beat Clinton McDade, 6, and stopped Rocky Casillo, 4. Tony Rezar outfought Jack LaBua, 6.

Phil Warren won from Norm Saunders, 12. Jack Armstrong kayoed Johnny Fish, 6. Chico Varona kayoed Matias Fenoy, 2. Jimmy McCoy beat Mike Colucci, 8, and repeated in 8.

Joe Juliano outpointed Italo Scortichini, 8. Sergio Gascue won over Angel Pirela, 8. Emerson Butcher decisioned Glen Hendershot, 10. Buddy Frazier, 8, Tony Rezar, 8, and Willie Stewart, 4.

Frank Skidmore kayoed Rico Raveron, 3. Danny Taylor beat Paul Cashman, 6. William Thieulin edged out Leandre Mateos, 10. Jean Julien decisioned Andre Jicat, 10. Eddie Silvia stopped Gorden Perry, 4, then lost to Perry, 10.

Al Radulic kayoed Danny Roberts, 5, but lost to Monroe Kurtz, 8. Augie Salazar beat

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Prospects for June

HEAVYWEIGHT—Billy Mayo, Buffalo, N. Y.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT — Richie James, Philadelphia, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHT — Jimmy Elliott, South Africa.

WELTERWEIGHT—Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.

LIGHTWEIGHT — Pat Ford, Australia.

FEATHERWEIGHT — Ike Chestnut, New York City, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHT — Nate Brooks, Cleveland, Ohio.

FLYWEIGHT—Speedy Akira, Tokyo, Japan.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

THIS Charley Humez, set for a June 9 date with Randy Turpin in London, is a tough 'un to get rid of. Like the cat that refuses to stay lost, he keeps coming back. Sluffed off in the welterweight tourney a couple of years ago, he's now very much in the middleweight scramble.

It will be recalled that when Ray Robinson, then a double champion, decided to step out of 147-pound competition and concentrate on the 160-pounders, the International Boxing Club promptly announced plans for an elimination series to determine a new ruler of the welterweight roost. With the approval of the New York State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association, the competing field was limited to Johnny Bratton, Charley Fusari, Kid Gavilan and Billy Graham.

The British Boxing Board of Control weighed in with a protest in behalf of Eddie Thomas. How could the Welshman be ignored in a "world" tourney when, as holder of the European and British Empire titles, he already was champion of half the world? Then, too, hadn't Eddie beaten Graham, one of our entries?

So it was decided to include Thomas in the series. He'd be brought over to New York to meet the survivor of the Bratton-Fusari-Gavilan-Graham eliminations.

Before the American tourney ended, with Gavilan the winner, an unexpected development was reported from the other side of the Atlantic. In his native Wales, Thomas was beaten and relieved of his European title by the comparatively unknown Humez.

Automatically, the Frenchman should have replaced Thomas in the show down for the world championship, but the I.B.C. decided to by-pass him. It wasn't interested in importing Humez to meet Gavilan, and it wouldn't consider sending the Kid to Paris for a date there. Things drifted along, with the title in dispute, until Humez outgrew the welterweight class, moved up with the middleweights, and left Gavilan with a clear hold on the 147-pound laurels.

Now we have Ray Robinson giving up another title, and Humez finding himself in practically the same position as a middleweight that he was as a welterweight. But he's getting a better "break" this time. Maybe the Frenchman won't wind up with the world title, but at least he's getting a chance to fight for it.

THERE'S also an interesting twist to the Carl (Bobo) Olson-Paddy Young bout which the I.B.C. expects to close for a late May or early June date in Madison Square Garden.

Several months ago Olson and Young were booked for San Francisco, but the managerial "war" was in full blast at the time, and Paddy was unceremoniously yanked out of the match.

What would have been "just another fight" in 'Frisco now becomes an important part of a world championship tourney. The winner of the Olson-Young bout will be the American entry in the show down with the European survivor, Turpin or Humez. The bout is planned for September in one of New York's baseball parks, the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds.

In qualifying for a crack at Olson, Young delivered one of his typical performances against Ernie Durando. That he hadn't fought in a year had no appreciable effect on Paddy. He seemed a bit uncertain of himself at the start, which was to be expected, but he gained confidence as the fight moved along.

It was the fifth meeting of the rivals, and it pretty well followed the pattern of the previous four. Durando had the better of the early rounds, with Young coming on in the latter stages and outlasting him in the final drive.

It was a gruelling affair all the way, both boys sopping up plenty of punishment. As early as the first round, Young was bleeding from his nose and a rip over his left eye. Another gash appeared over his right optic in the fourth. Durando was torn under his right eye in the ninth and over it in the eleventh.

The sixth round practically decided the fight. Durando was slightly in the lead until then, but Young was coming on, and he gave the swarthy Bayonne slugger a rugged going over. A right to the chin staggered Durando, and before Ernie recovered Paddy ripped into him with both hands, sent him reeling to the ropes, and blasted away with a savage attack to the head and body. Durando faded steadily from then on, though he did pull himself together for one last desperate bid in the twelfth and final round.

The gross box-office total of $35,386, contributed to a turnout of 9,188, was the second best gate reported for Garden boxing in a year.

WHAT shall it profit a fight promoter to gain one dollar from television and lose two or three at the box-office? That's what this TV problem amounts to, so far as the Garden is concerned.

Wading through *The Ring* files recently, our research specialist, Johnny Salak, happened upon a batch of interesting, and significant, records. They were the Garden's boxing statistics for 1946.

Thirty-three cards staged that year in the House That Tex Built attracted a total of 406,681 customers and gross receipts of $2,062,046.

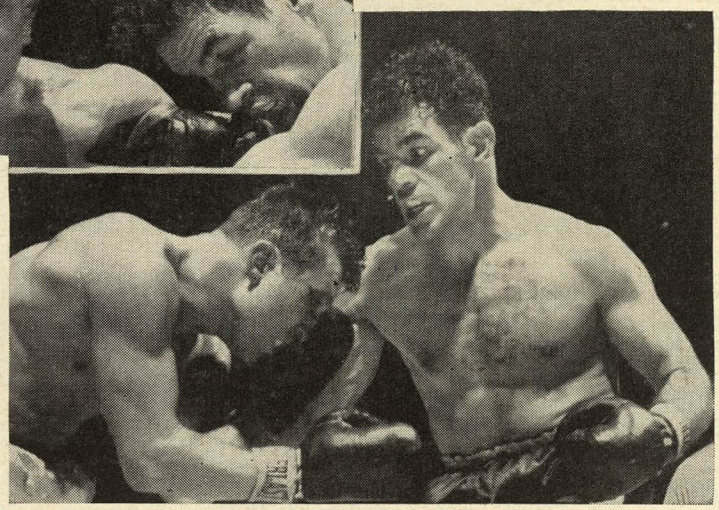
Compare those figures with the more recent one of 1952, when twenty-nine shows accounted for 137,381 attendees and ticket sales of $435,452.

What a difference! The 1946 *averages*—12,384 and $62,486—had dropped in seven years to 4,737 and $15,016.

Television, of course, was mainly if not entirely responsible. The videoing of fights from the Garden was already under way in 1946, but it hadn't yet become serious "competition" for the box-office. It was on an experimental basis and limited in its range. There were comparatively few TV sets in use then, and the public hadn't become accustomed to getting its fistic entertainment in living rooms and neighborhood bars.

With the rapid expansion of television, business gradually slackened at the Garden ticket windows. By the end of 1952, it was estimated that some 20,000,000 video sets were in operation throughout the United States, and Garden fights were reaching all the way to the Pacific Coast.

Even if the International Boxing Club executives weren't concerned with the damage their shows were doing to other promoters in the nation, you'd imagine they would be concerned enough with their own business to insist on a more equitable arrangement with the TV stations and advertising sponsors. What they receive now covers only about one-half the loss in box-office sales. No exact figures have been made public, but it is generally believed the I.B.C. collects about $25,000 for its usual Friday night offering from the Garden. Add that to the $15,000 average reported for gate receipts in 1952, and you'll come up with total revenue of $40,000 per show—a considerable bundle of cash short of the $62,000 average of 1946.



Scenes in the fight between Paddy Young and Ernie Durando in Madison Square Garden which Young won and thereby qualified for the bout with Carl Olson. Young is on left in each photo.

THE month's results:

Too smooth an all-around mechanic, Joey Giambra, 156, Buffalo, was an easy winner over shopworn Otis Graham, 159, Philadelphia, in a methodical ten at Ridgewood Grove. Graham fought back stubbornly enough, but couldn't compete with the shifty, sharp-punching Giambra. The Buffalonian fought a cool, systematic fight and made every move count. Several times during the bout his neat combinations to the head and body had Graham in trouble, but he couldn't finish the veteran. Bob Provizzi, 146½, Long Island City, grabbed the decision from Vic Manni, 165, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. In another six, Joe Shaw, 157¾, Harlem, had the better of Jimmy Williams, 155½, Brooklyn. In fours, Emil Meyers, 139½, Ridgewood, won from Carmine DeVito, 144, West Side, and Ronnie Williams, 147, Newark, outfought Al Lynn, 146½, Jamaica.

Repeating his performance of two weeks before, Sammy Giuliani, 160¼, Stamford, Conn., roughhoused his way to a decision over Joe Tomasello, 158, Elizabeth, N. J., in a slugging eight at White Plains County Center. The affair was pretty much a replica of the previous meeting, without the knockdowns. Giuliana won by persistent aggressiveness, while Tomasello fought mainly in flurries. Both boys were staggered several times during the bout. Danny Taylor, 146½, West Side, outpointed Iggy Zotto, 146½, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Another six ended at 2:56 of the second, Sammy Straws, 152½, West Side, flattening Elijah Edwards, 160½, Palatka, Fla. In fours, Jimmy Squires, 154, Brooklyn, won from Tony D'Attilo, 158, New Rochelle; Jimmy Clements, 163, Bronx, decisioned Bill Jennings, 165, Philadelphia, and Earl Dennis, 141¼, Wilmington, Del., stopped Mal Witteman, 145½, Brooklyn, at 1:29 of the third.

Promoted to his first main event hereabouts, Jimmy McCoy, 145½, Portland, Ore., outslugged Mike Colucci, 145¼, Corona, in a busy eight at Sunnyside Garden. Both boys were down early in the fight, Colucci hitting the canvas in the second and McCoy in the third. They slugged it out to the finish with the Oregonian generally having the better of the exchanges. The fight topped a well-balanced card, packed with action, every bout going its full distance. Jerry Drouin, 138¾, Quebec, was a bit too shifty for George Collins, 135¾, Corona, in the semi-final six. Dick Cannady, 151, Newark, drew with Carl Jackson, 154½, Hartford, Conn., in another six. Pierre Langlois' younger brother, Guy, 125, outpointed Ben Rosa, 121¾, Puerto Rico, in one of the fours. In the others, Harvey Lammers, 161, New Bedford, Mass., won from Billy Clark, 161, Jamaica, and Johnny Tirado, 146½, Bronx, decisioned Arnold Lynn, 151¼, Jamaica.

A return eight, in which Tex Gonzales, 155, East Orange, N. J., edged out Vinnie D'Andrea, 155¾, East Side, was the highlight of the card supporting Chico Vejar and Vince Martinez in Madison Square Garden. In repeating a decision he grabbed from D'Andrea in the same ring a few weeks before, Gonzales got off to a fast start by dropping Vinnie for seven in the opening stanza, but he had to hustle the rest of the way to stay in front of the aggressive East Sider. It was a lively, free-punching brawl, with little to choose between the boys in the frequent trading. In a dull, semi-final eight, marred by holding, wrestling and butting, Nelson Levering, 139, Wichita, Kan., was adjuged winner over Nicola Funari, 138, Italy. In a pair of fours, Frank Gioseffe, 190, Bronx, had the better of Clayton Jones, 184¾, Harlem, and Jimmy Scalero, 133¾, Stamford, Conn., scored over Felton (Tippy) Simmons, 134¾, Brooklyn.

Using hit-and-run tactics, Danny (Bang Bang) Womber, 152, Chicago, earned a draw with aggressive Ralph Jones, 152¾, Yonkers, in a lively ten at Eastern Parkway. Jones forced the action practically all the way, and his vicious combinations had Womber frequently in trouble, but the Chicagoan's fast counter-punching and nimble footwork earned him an even break in the official scoring. Three of the supporting numbers also ended in draws. The semi-final six produced a stalemate between Bob Provizzi, 162¾, Long Island City, and Andre Tessier, 166, Springfield, Mass. Two even-up fours pitted Charley Kelly, 144½, Bellrose, against Walter Kapa, 142½, Brooklyn, and Braxton Reed, 136, Harlem, against Filberto Osario, 134½, Puerto Rico. By way of variety, a couple of non-draws sneaked into the program, Teddy Antonetti, 147½, Puerto Rico, decisioning Tommy Dixon, 147, Long Island City, in six, and Joe Lissy, 151¾, Yorkville, winning from Tony D'Attilo, 156, New Rochelle, in four.

Off to a slow start, and running into some rough moments during the early rounds, particularly in the third and fourth, Jimmy Herring, 159¾, Ozone Park, began to hit his stride in the fifth and from then on handed Johnny Cerky, 156½, Des Moines, Iowa, a rugged going-over at Ridgewood Grove. The bout, one-sided by then, was halted by Referee Harry Ebbets at 2:15 of the fifth, with Cerky wilting rapidly from the battering and bleeding profusely from a deep gash over his left eye. Edgar Stover, 136, West Side, punched his way to a decision over Frederico Escalera, 136½, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. Willis Boyd, 162½, Chicago, had the better of the veteran Roger Muriel, 162½, Elizabeth, N. J., in another six. In fours, Fred Falu, 126¼, East Side, won from Lawrence McGroarty, 128, Jackson Heights, and Curtis Bruce, 157, Newark, grabbed a verdict from Bill Clark, 161, Brooklyn.

'Twas St. Paddy's Night, and a couple of guys named Pat and Mike—er, pardon, Pat and Jimmy—had themselves an exciting Donnybrook at White Plains County Center. Jimmy Wilde, 135¼, Bronx, was the winner when Referee Teddy Watson intervened twelve seconds after the start of the fifth to save a reeling Mallane from further punishment. It was a free-swinging brawl while it lasted, with four knockdowns en route. Wilde was dropped in the second. In the fourth, the rivals alternated in hitting the canvas. Mallane went down first, then Wilde, then Mallane again. The last knockdown finished Pat. In tough shape at the bell, he was still unsteady when the fifth started. When he was unable to defend himself, Watson stepped in. In sixes, Tommy Reed, 133¼, Philadelphia, outpointed Ray Edwards, 134¼, Jamaica, and Danny Taylor, 152, West Side, decisioned Paulie Cashman, 159, Middletown, Conn. In fours, George Chimenti, 150½, Yorkville, won from Joe Fusco, 152¾, Waterbury, Conn.; Frank Flood, 182½, Pueblo, Colo., drew with Vincent Smith, 181½, Peekskill, N. Y., and Elia Rogalla, 191, Astoria, polished off Jack Jacobs, 187, Brooklyn, at 2:43 of the first.

Back in action after an absence of nearly two and a half years, the veteran Joe Juliano, 153½, East Side, blew himself to a brisk workout at the expense of Italo Scortichini, 154, Italy, in a busy eight at Sunnyside Garden. Aside from a tendency to tire at times, Juliano showed few effects of the long layoff. He had too much of everything for the aggressive but crude Scortichini. After piling up a big early lead, Juliano slowed down in the middle stages but came on again toward the finish. The semi-final six ended at 26 seconds of the fourth, Roosevelt Coward, 144, Philadelphia, disposing of Carlin Scott, 148, Bronx. Another six also was abbreviated by a knockout, John Busso, 137½, East Side, halting Rene Toman, 140, West Side, at 2:27 of the second. In fours, Earl Dennis, 140, Wilmington, Del., outpointed Walter Kopa, 140½, Brooklyn; Kevin Griffen, 148, Bronx, won from a borough rival, Andy Taddy, 146½, and Alfred Lynn, 148, Jamaica, drew with Ronnie Williams, 146¾, Newark.

Bothered for four rounds by his opponent's weaving, crowding tactics, Johnny Bratton, 149, Chicago, found the range in the fifth and a series of rights to the jaw flattened Bobby Jones, 152, Oakland, Cal., at 2:52 of the fifth in Madison Square Garden. After the exceptional turnouts the two previous weeks with the Graham-Giardello and Vejar-Martinez cards, business returned to normal in the Garden, with a 4,275 attendance and a gross gate of $12,975. In the semi-final eight, Lulu Perez, 127¼, Brooklyn, ran his winning streak to fifteen straight and overall record to 27—1 by using a snappy left hand to beat aggressive Pat Iacobucci, 129, Cincinnati. In another eight, Sylvester Jones, 208, Bronx, outfumbled southpaw Shirley Pembleton, 184, Philadelphia. In fours, Edgar Perkins, 124, Harlem, decisioned Segundo Perez, 121, Corona, and Walter Johnson, 135½, Newark, drew with the veteran Filberto Osario, 130¾, Puerto Rico.

A strong finish carried Orlando Zulueta, 135¼, Cuba, to a split decision over Wallace (Bud) Smith, 138, Cincinnati, in a lively ten at Eastern Parkway. Smith set a fast pace in the early rounds and piled up a big lead with effective work at close range. He had Zulueta in trouble in the fourth from a left hook and solid right to the jaw. Smith couldn't maintain the pace, however, and began to fade at the half-way mark. Using speedy two-handed combinations to the head and body, Zulueta gradually overhauled the Ohioan. The semi-final six was over at 2:28 of the fifth, Al Schlimm, 208, Baltimore, stopping Elie Rogalle, 190, Astoria. Jimmy Carlini, 148, whipped a fellow-Philadelphian, Whitman Burress, 143, in another six. In fours, Pat Best, 153½, Englewood, N. J., decisioned Jimmy Squires, 154½, Brooklyn; Robin Gory, 127½, Peekskill, N. Y., drew with Larry McGroarty, 127, Jackson Heights, and John Betancourt, 139, Long Island City, kayoed Tony Gallagher, 134, Baltimore, at 1:46 of the third.

The southpaw style of Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 137½, Detroit, was no problem to Arthur Persley, 136¾, Red Cross, La., and the Pelican Stater was an easy winner in a one-sided ten at Eastern Parkway. Persley carried every round, and by way of adding emphasis to his victory he dumped Jones for a count in the eighth. The not so youthful Baby Face displayed little but ability to sop up punishment, and through the latter stages he was bleeding profusely from his nose and a cut over his left eye. Jose Ramos, 125½, Puerto Rico, won from Tony Amabile, 134¾, Bronx, when the semi-final, listed for six, was halted at the end of the fourth because of a nasty gash above Amabile's left eye. Georgie Collins, 137¼, Corona, was held to a draw by Armando Yanes, 136, Colombia, South America, in another six. In fours, Gene Johns, 150½, Harlem, won from Eddie Williams, 145½, Brooklyn, and Johnny Tirado, 147½, Bronx, had the better of Carmine DeVito, 143½, East Side.

Though obviously overmatched in his first main event—after only seven preliminary starts—Billy Lepido, 148½, Bronx, gave a good account of himself for four rounds against the more experienced Richie Reed, 151½, White Plains, but he began to tire in the fifth, had rough going in the sixth, and was finished at 2:23 of the seventh at White Plains County Center. Lepido was so utterly exhausted when he went down from a right to the chin, Referee Harry Gleisher called a halt without bothering to count. Tony Antonetti, 147, Puerto Rico, outfought Charley Wright, 144½, East Side, in the semi-final six. Frank Alotta, 158, Allentown, Pa., won from Andre Tessier, 165, Springfield, Mass., in another six. In fours, Mike Estrada, 140, Puerto Rico, decisioned Earl Dennis, 139, Wilmington, Del.; Joe Russo, 154½, East Side, whipped Frank Ambroselli, 159, Bronx, and Kevin Griffen, 148, White Plains, eliminated Wilfred Hunt, 147, Brooklyn, at 2:36 of the third.

In posting his tenth straight win, and running his overall pro record to 19—2, fast-coming Danny Giovanelli, 142¾, Brooklyn, had some tough opposition from Don Braun, 147½, Baltimore, before the bout was stopped at the end of the fifth at Sunnyside Garden.

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Both boys suffered cuts over their left eyes, Giovanelli in the third and Braun in the fourth. The Baltimorean's became worse, however, and was bleeding so profusely in the fifth Referee Morris Goodman called a halt when the round was over. Al Hunter, 131, Bronx, outpointed Ray Edwards, 136, Jamaica, in the semi-final. Another six was finished in a hurry, Jimmy Williams, 156, Brooklyn, needing only 2:49 of one round to stop Harvey Lammers, 159, New Bedford, Mass. In fours, Earl Clements, 137, Baltimore, won from Johnny Betancourt, 137¾, Long Island City; Ronnie Williams, 146½, Newark, whipped Alfred Lynn, 148, Jamaica, and Benny Tosa, 122, Bronx, decisioned Joey Femminello, 119, Brooklyn.

From what he showed in his New York debut, Alan Moody, 146, Chicago, is a kid worth tabbing. The latest product of the Sam Pian-Art Winch manage did a quick and impressive job on Mario Terry, 147, Mexico, in a scheduled eight on the Paddy Young-Ernie Durando card in Madison Square Garden. The affair lasted less than a half-round; exact time 1:27. After staggering Terry with a fast right, Moody lost no time finishing him. A blasting two-handed attack sent the Mexican toppling to the canvas for the full count. In another scheduled eight, balding Paolo Rosi, 138, Italy, stopped washed-up Sonny Luciano, 139, Paterson, N. J., at 1:59 of the fourth. In fours, Jimmy McMillan, 179¾, Newark, whipped a fellow-Jerseyan, Billy Mack, 181, Bayonne; Rudy Watkins, 155, Baltimore, outpointed Sammy Straws, 150¾, Philadelphia; Jimmy Scalero, 136, Stamford, Conn., won from Monserate Matos, 131½, Puerto Rico, and Paulie Griffin, 149¾, whipped a rival Brooklynite, Jimmy Suber, 153½.

Returning to the ring after an enforced layoff of ten months because of the managerial "war," Jimmy Beau, 159, New Canaan, Conn., needed at least one good tuneup before tackling an opponent of the calibre of Pierre Langlois, 161, France. Obviously rusty, Beau dropped a decision to the Frenchman in a bruising ten at Eastern Parkway. Jimmy started well enough and had the better of the early rounds, but he couldn't maintain the pace and the busy Langlois came on to outhustle him in the stretch. Mario Cirostome, 183, Italy, was credited with a knockout in the semi-final six when Joe Weinbrecht, 186½, Secaucus, N. J., was unable to answer the bell for the fifth. Ike Chestnut, 122¾, Washington Heights, decisioned Clint Miller, 127¾, Elizabeth, N. J., in another six. In fours, Paul Destino, 148, Brooklyn, divided honors with Andy Taddy, 143½, Bronx; Frank Pugliano, 142¼, Brooklyn, won from Mike Estrada, 140, Puerto Rico, and Joe Malanga, 219½, Bronx, was too big for Jim McMillan, 180, Newark.

Though he won decisively enough, Johnny Saxton, 149, Brooklyn, looked anything but one of the world's top welterweights in pounding out a decision over the veteran Charley Williams, 152¾, Newark, in a rugged ten at Eastern Parkway. Saxton was aggressive as ever, but at times he swung, missed and floundered like an excited amateur. He had Williams frequently in trouble but couldn't finish him. The Newarker suffered a gashed mouth in the fifth and a slight rip over his left eye in the ninth. The decision gave unbeaten Saxton a record of 39 wins and one draw in 40 pro outings. Johnny Kamber, 141, Livingston, N. J., outpointed Bobby Timpson, 140½, Youngstown, Ohio, in the semi-final six. Tom Jackson, 191, Rockaway Beach, stopped Elmo Lincoln, 174½, Newark, at 1:42 of the third of another scheduled six. In fours, Vince Biondoletti, 126½, Brooklyn, won from Bob Gory, 127, Peekskill, N. Y., and Ned Hicks, 177½, Brooklyn, outpointed Bobby Bell, 173½, Newark.

A little knowledge of boxing netted Mack Stanford, 161, Englewood, N. J., a split decision over slugging Pete Arebalo, 157, Brooklyn, in one of two eights at White Plains County Center. Stanford used jab-and-move tactics to beat the aggressive Brooklynite. A couple of times Mack wasn't fast enough to get out of range and was hurt by lusty swings to the head, but he boxed his way out of serious trouble. In the fourth, Arebalo missed a violent right so completely he want sprawling on his face along the canvas. In the other eight, Jose Morell, 135, Puerto Rico, was awarded an unpopular decision over lanky Henry Winchman, 140½, East Side. A recent arrival from Scotland, Charley (Chic) Brady, 131, was outpointed by Ray Edwards, 130½, Jamaica, in six. Knockouts abbreviated a pair of fours, Willie Coleman, 149¾, Atlantic City, stopping Arnold Lynn, 149½, Jamaica, at 2:44 of the third, and Johnny Alford, 141, Brooklyn, requiring five seconds longer to dispose of Al Maye, 143, Bronx.

One of the better young developments hereabouts, Lulu Perez, 128, Brooklyn, continued on his winning way by taking an easy decision from Tony Say, 128¾, France, in a not-too-exciting eight at Sunnyside Garden. Say fought stubbornly but was no match for the shifty Brooklynite. Tony was nearly finished in the first, the bell saving him at seven. He was shaken up several times during the rest of the bout, but managed to avoid serious trouble. The win was Perez's sixteenth in a row and ran his total pro score to 27—1. Another promising kid, Johnny Busso, 138¼, East Side, posted his ninth straight win by kayoing Tommy Morgano, 141, Brooklyn, at 2:33 of the third of a scheduled six. Frederico Escalero, 138, Puerto Rico, whipped Freddie Smith, 138¼, Jamaica, in another six. In fours, Carl Calabro, 139¼, Brooklyn, won from Kenny Rockford, 139¾, Brooklyn; Edmund George, 161¼, West Side, decisioned Sid Barry, 161¾, Paterson, N. J., and Gene Darconte, 175, West Side, stopped Joe Green, 175½, Bronx, at 1:34 of the first.

Improving on a performance in the same ring six months before, Dan Bucceroni, 193½, Philadelphia, outclassed Dave Davey, 208½, Tacoma, Wash., and the one-sided affair at St. Nicholas Arena was halted at the end of the eighth to save Davey from further punishment. In the first meeting, Bucceroni had to stave off a strong closing rally by Davey to win a close decision, but the return match was no contest after the first round. Bucceroni cuffed the big Washington Stater around almost at will. The semi-final eight was over in a hurry, Richie James, 166¾, Philadelphia, flattening Roosevelt LaBoard, 179, Newark, at 2:49 of the first. In sixes, Ike Chestnut, 123½, Washington Heights, whipped Cecil Schoonmaker, 120½, Harlem, and Andy Tessier, 166, Springfield, Mass., stopped a rival New Englander, Paul Cashman, 159, Middletown, Conn., at 1:42 of the fourth. In fours, Bernie Lynn, 146½, Jamaica, outpointed Iggy Zotto, 147, East Side, and Paulie Griffin, 147½, Long Island City, won from Charley Wright, 148, West Side. The show was the first of the Friday night series shifted to the St. Nick and other links in the I.B.C. chain while boxing was pushed out of Madison Square Garden for six weeks by the annual visit of Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey circus.

A third-round kayo victim in a previous meeting in Washington, Corky Gonzales, 130¼, Denver, boxed smartly if unspectacularly to grab a split decision from Gene Smith, 128, Washington, in a dull ten at Eastern Parkway. Smith was aggressor throughout but made little headway against the cagey boxing and counter-punching of Gonzales. The Denverite was warned four times by Referee Al Berl for clutching, but his cautious, safety-first policy paid off. Outboxing Smith at long range, Gonzales scored with enough left jabs and hooks to net the verdict by a slim count. Irwin Schulz, 161, Yorkville, was held to a draw by Al Warner, 156½, Rochester, in the semi-final six. In another six, Gene Robnet, 133, France, outpointed Bobby Fenty, 134, Harlem. In fours, Victor Anthony, 183, Harlem, decisioned Petey Taro, 176, Brooklyn; Larry McGroarty, 127¼, Jackson Heights, outfought Johnny Ramos, 127¼, Bronx, and Sid Barry, 159, Paterson, N. J., won from Jim Clemente, 164, East Side.

Surviving a rugged second round, chunky Bill Bossio, 126½, Pittsburgh, came back to outlast Miguel Berrios, 126, Puerto Rico, in a free-swinging ten at Ridgewood Grove. Bossio had a rough time in the second, when he was sent stumbling into the ropes a couple of times, knocked down for an automatic eight, and had a nasty gash ripped above his right eye. He recovered, however, and his slam-bang aggressiveness gradually wore Berrios down. Pat Best, 154, Englewood, outfought a New Jersey rival, Joey Greco, 155½, Jersey City, in the semi-final six. Willie Boyd, 160½, Chicago, grabbed the decision from Carl Jackson, 156¼, Hartford, Conn., in another six. In fours, Johnny Cappi, 180¼, Long Island City, won from Jimmy McMillan, 176½, Newark, and Eddie Williams, 146, Woodside, posted the only knockout on the card when he stopped Otis Woodward, 148, Memphis, Tenn., with 45 seconds remaining of the final round.

Any resemblance to boxing was purely coincidental as Richie (Kid) Howard, 135, Halifax, N. S., bulled, shoved and roughhoused his way to a decision over Fred Monforte, 140½, Brooklyn, in a pulling-and-hauling eight at White Plains County Center. The affair featured football rushes and wrestling shenanigans, and Referee Harry Gleischer had himself a busy time trying to disentangle the principals from their frequent embraces. Awkward Georgie Holzman, 164, Bayonne, sneaked out a decision over faded Sal DiMartino, 159½, Hartford, in the other eight, but the verdict met with noisy disapproval from the customers. In sixes, Bob Provizzi, 165½, Corona, outpointed Ronnie Moore, 157½, Bronx, and Bob Isler, 170, West Side, was a bit too ringwise for Larry Zernitz, 174, New Haven. Emerson Butcher, 146, Rock Island, Ill., hustled out a decision over Willie Stewart, 140, Newark, in the opening four.

A return match that failed to produce even a faint resemblance to an exciting first meeting resulted in a repeat decision for Jimmy McCoy, 145, Portland, Ore., over Mike Colucci, 147½, Corona, in a dull eight at Sunnyside Garden. Maybe the rivals had too much respect for each other after their previous Donnybrook in the same ring. Whatever the reason, the encore was a boring thing, with few solid punches thrown by either boy. It was an unfortunate ending to an otherwise lively fighting card. Earl Clemons, 136, Baltimore, and Lou Martino, 136½, Jersey City, slugged to a draw in the semi-final six. Paul Griffin, 150, Brooklyn, decisioned Tommy Dixon, 147, Long Island City, in another six. In fours, Andy Taddy, 145, Bronx, won from Charles Kelly, 144¾, Jamaica; Dave Cirillo, 126, East Side, whipped Benny Rosa, 123, Bronx, and Carl Thompson, 145½, Philadelphia, kayoed Ronnie Williams, 143½, Newark, at 2:49 of the first.

Uncovering the best performance of his comparatively brief pro career, Randy Sandy, 153½, Harlem, was credited with a kayo over Jimmy Beau, 161, New Canaan, Conn., when their bout at St. Nick Arena was halted by Referee Petey Scalzo at 2:03 of the eighth. Beau, who subbed for Willie Troy, was weakening rapidly and bleeding profusely from a gash alongside his ride eye. The heavier Beau was aggressor from the start but lacked the speed to catch his lanky opponent, who used his long arms and legs to keep the action at long range. Beau did succeed in scoring with one solid clout, a right to the chin which staggered Sandy in the fifth, but he was too tired to cash in on his momentary advantage. Earl Hilton, 131, outpointed Tommy Reed, 133½, in an all-Philadelphia semi-final eight. Walter Johnson, 133½, Memphis, Tenn., won from veteran Filberto Osario, 130¾, Puerto Rico, in six. In fours, Bob Gory, 120, Springfield, Mass., beat Larry McGroarty, 128, Bronx; Gene Johns, 151, Brooklyn, drew with Willie Stewart, 150, Newark, and Al Hunter, 130, Harlem, stopped Charley (Chic) Brady, 130¾, Scotland, at the end of the third.

ADDENDA. . . . In these days of roughhouse mauling and aimless swinging, it's a real treat to see a fighter who seems to know his trade. We were pleasantly surprised with our TV impressions of Dave Gallardo, California feather, in his Eastern debut against Percy Bassett in Washington. With a smooth, easy style; few waste motions; short punches and a good variety of them, Gallardo shaped up as a real pro. We'd like to see more of him.

Abe Attell is back in circulation with a bar-and-grill at 55th Street and 2nd Avenue. The old champ is a powerful rebuttal to those alarmists who bemoan the "brutality" of boxing. Closing in on the 70-year-mark, Abe is a lot spryer, mentally and physically, than many a guy half his age.

Unless he is drafted into the Army, Chico Vejar has been "ordered" by the Commission to honor an old contract and meet Marcel Brisebois at the Ridgewood Grove. Considering that not so long ago Brisebois was utterly demolished in a half-round by Carmine Fiore at the Grove, "ordering" Vejar to meet him is like ordering the spider to invite the fly into its parlor.

Incidentally, if Vejar does go into the service, and is unable to keep his return date with Vince Martinez in Madison Square Garden, a natural replacement would be Carmen Basilio, the Syracuse socker. There'd be a "live" angle to that match. Two guys who went the ten-round distance with Martinez in the Garden were subsequently kayoed by Basilio in Syracuse—Sammy Giuliani in three rounds and Carmine Fiore in nine.

Certain members of our Managers' Guild probably will take drastic action against California welterweight Ray Fuente for infringing on their rights when they hear that his regular occupation is that of grave-digger.

Persistent reports have it that light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore's ring career may be ended because of eye trouble.

Members of the trade continue to crash popular TV programs. Latest was Bill Miller, transplanted Clevelander who now does his voting in Los Angeles. Bill, one of the best praise-agents this business has known, recently hit a $4,000 jackpot on Groucho Marx's "Bet Your Life."

Read July issue of THE RING for complete coverage of Marciano-Walcott heavyweight championship fight.

Dan Bucceroni (left), Philadelphia, Pa., heavyweight, lands with left uppercut to jaw of Dave Davey of Washington during their scheduled 10-round bout at St. Nicholas Arena in which Bucceroni was awarded a TKO victory when the referee stopped the contest between rounds before the bell rang for the ninth stanza.

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me recently.

Sharkey also has the distinction, if it can be called that, of having been knocked out by both Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. He insists to this day that Dempsey hit him low, and Sharkey was complaining to the referee when the Manassa Mauler finished the job. Sharkey was all through when he was knocked out by Louis.

Marciano's triumph over Jersey Joe Walcott in Philadelphia last September set off celebrations all over Massachusetts. The Governor of Massachusetts issued him license plates for his car that carried the two letters "K. O." and nothing else. When the Boxing Writers' Association awarded Marciano the Neil Plaque, Speaker Joe Martin, who represents a Massachusetts district in the House, was happy to come to New York and make the presentation.

THE French-Canadian Ovila Chapdelaine made his home in Bridgeport and was known as Jack Delaney. A stylist with a terrific right hand, he twice knocked out Paul Berlenbach. He also won the world light-heavyweight championship from Berlenbach in 15 rounds at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn. Graduating into the heavyweight ranks, he never made it. Sharkey knocked him out in a round. Maloney outpointed him. He won from Paulino Uzcudun on a foul, but lost to Johnny Risko.

Delaney is best remembered perhaps for the two knockouts he scored over Tiger Flowers, the middleweight king. The first time Walk Miller, Flowers' manager, charged Delaney had a horseshoe, or some similar iron object in his glove. When Delaney repeated the knockout, Miller had no squawk.

In the flaming Twenties there were a dozen talented fighters in New England, including Sharkey, Delaney, Maloney and Kaplan. Among them was Honeyboy Finnegan, a six-foot featherweight, who is now a court officer in Boston. Another was Red Chapman, who has a similar job. Sammy Fuller, a heavy armed featherweight and lightweight, and Chick Suggs, a bantamweight and featherweight, were others.

FINNEGAN was a Navy champion before he won fame as a professional. He served in the Navy again during the second World War. In addition to an advantage in height and reach, Honeyboy was a southpaw. He beat Andre Routis, world featherweight champion, in a non-title bout that topped the opening card at the Boston Garden.

Fuller is remembered in New York for his fight with Young Peter Jackson. Sammy scored four knockdowns, but Young Peter received the decision. They had bad decisions in those days, too.

One of Fuller's rivals for lightweight supremacy in New England was a Lawrence southpaw named Andy Callahan. They fought seven times, Callahan winning four and Fuller three.

Callahan was killed in action during World War II. The club Promoter Sam Silverman now operates in Boston, is named the Callahan A. C. in his memory.

New England had a good welterweight to in Al Mello of Lowell, Mass. He twice beat Joe Dundee, the world champion, in non-title bouts. Mello won the New England welterweight title from Eddie Shevlin, a fine campaigner, who coached boxing at Dartmouth College and turned out some excellent amateur fighters.

And there was Johnny Vacca, a bantamweight, who twice defeated Fidel LaBarba, world flyweight champion. Both were non-title bouts. Fidel finally won from Vacca in a third over-the-weight bout at Los Angeles.

LOU BROUILLARD will be remembered for having won two world titles. He took the welterweight crown from Young Jack Thompson, and lost it to Jackie Fields. A southpaw from Worcester, Mass., Brouillard defeated Ben Jeby for top middleweight honors. He dropped this championship to Vince Dundee, a brother of Joe, the welterweight king. Dundee later defended the championship against Andy Callahan in Boston, although Andy was never more than a lightweight.

The charge was made at the time, and it may have been true, that Callahan was weighed on a hay scale.

Tansey Norton, another Boston welterweight, became a member of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission. He lost the job when the Republican candidate for Governor defeated his Democratic rival in the elections last November. However, he did a fine job as a member of the commission.

One of the most famous fights held in Boston was the Mike O'Dowd-Johnny Wilson middleweight title clash. Wilson, born in New York, had established residence in Boston. He still lives there. Although the title was at stake, O'Dowd was permitted to name the referee. He picked Hector McGinnis of Boston, who, it was said, was related to Paddy Mullins, O'Dowd's manager.

When the fight was over McGinnis surprised everybody—Mullins most of all—when he declared Wilson the winner. Hector may have been right at that. In a return bout fought in New York, Wilson defeated O'Dowd again.

OF course, there was Sam Langford, the Boston Tar Baby, one of the game's greatest hitters. Although Jack Johnson would never fight him again, the heavyweight champion got the decision over Sam when they clashed at Chelsea, Mass. Sandy Ferguson, another Boston heavyweight, fouled Johnson, and then leaped the ropes, and rushed to the nearest saloon.

Pounding on the bar with his boxing gloves, Ferguson demanded beer, as he shouted: "I knocked the big bum out." Johnson won on a foul, of course.

Matty Baldwin never won a title, but he was as clever as the best. A lightweight, he stood only 5 feet 5 inches tall. Although chunky and squat, he was exceptionally fast. Another clever fellow was Mike Glover, brother of Billy Cavanaugh, later a New York referee, and boxing coach at West Point. Glover beat Ted (Kid) Lewis, but lost to Jack Britton.

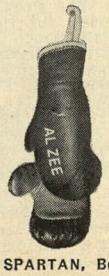
Another Boston fighter, Honey Mellody, won the welterweight title from the original Joe Walcott. He lost it to Mike (Twin) Sullivan of Cambridge, Mass. Mike's twin, Jack, was also a capable fighting man. Jimmy Walsh, born in Newton Mass., became world bantamweight king when he defeated Digger Stanley of England. He later became a top flight referee on the staff of the Massachusetts Commission.

THE list of New England greats is by no means complete, but it includes George Gardner, first of the world light-heavyweight kings, Jimmy Gardner, Frankie (Young) Britt, a good lightweight from New Bedford, Mass.; Al Delmont, clever featherweight; K. O. Kloby, the Yankee Division champion; Gilbert Gallant, a lightweight in the Matty Baldwin era, and Young Montreal of Providence.

A word must be said for Ralph Zannelli. A welterweight and middleweight, he campaigned for 17 years.

Then there was Al McCoy of Bangor, Me., who was stopped in six rounds by Joe Louis. He was the last New Englander to fight for the heavyweight title until Marciano came along.

Now there are Marciano, Collins and Araujo. There is also Norman Hayes, a good middleweight. Hayes' bid to succeed Sugar Ray Robinson as world middleweight champion was checked recently by Bobo Olson. Red Top Davis of Hartford is presently holding his own with the featherweights and lightweights. There may not be as many fighters in New England as there used to be, but those of today rank with the world's best.



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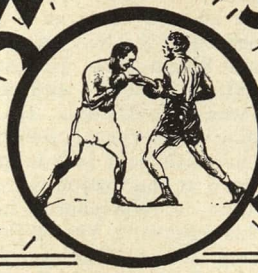


By HARRY WINKLER

CALIFORNIA followers of boxing never have been, and never will be more saddened over the passing of a fighter than they were over the death of James J. Jeffries. Big Jim will always be the Champion of all Champions in California boxing history, for, the rugged conditions that produce such men, no longer exist. There is no way of proving—beyond doubt—that Jeffries was the greatest of all the heavyweights, but, the majority of those qualified to know, or judge, have proclaimed the "strong as a bull, quick as a cat" man, as the one who could whip any of the others.

Jeffries, who would have celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday in a few more weeks, was "Mr. Burbank," himself. He was prominent in everything of importance to the fast-growing little city, and he was loved, or respected, by everyone in the town. Thousands came from near and far to view his body, and the funeral procession of over three hundred was made up of civic leaders, Supreme Court judges, celebrities of sports, stage and screen. The California State Assembly adopted a resolution in respect to the late champion, and a motorcycle escort of twelve State Highway Patrolmen headed the funeral procession.

One of this writer's proudest claims is to have been a long-time friend of Jeffries. For five years he and I headed the first Amateur Boxing Club's Association of California, and for one year I was matchmaker of his famous Barn Arena. And some of my most pleasant memories are of the hours I spent with Jim on our trips to amateur boxing tournaments. He was a lovable man, and Attorney Oscar Lawler, a friend from boyhood, didn't overstate Jeffries' fine qualities a bit, in the eulogy to his friend.

Said Lawler: "You were courageous, without bravado. Generous and kind. Honest and always on the square. You were privileged to walk with Presidents and Kings, yet, remained unaffected to your friends. You were a man among men." (May his soul rest in peace.)

Ezzard Charles punched his way back into heavyweight contention with a smashing ten-round triumph over Rex Layne at the San Francisco Winterland Arena. There was no question as to the decision in this "rubber" match. In fact, had the bout been scheduled for a longer distance, Charles would probably have repeated his eleventh round KO victory over Layne, as the Utah battler was in a bad way at the final bell. Referee Frankie Carter, one judge and most of the press, all agreed that Charles won by eight points.

Charles dropped Layne to one knee on three occasions—in the sixth, seventh and tenth rounds, but each was credited by an eight-count knockdown, that many seconds being counted against Layne, although he was on his feet most of the time. California rules give the referee such authority, to be used whenever a boxer has gotten up too quickly and is still in a bad way. Layne's display of stamina and blind courage had the spectators awed and thrilled.

Rex carried the fight to Charles from the opening gong and his aggressive milling kept the first five rounds close, but he was pounded into a dazed, weakened, bloody mess in both the sixth and seventh, the bell saving him from a knockout on both occasions. Yet, this badly battered gamester came out in the eighth and forced the fighting. The crowd became delirious. Layne was floored for the third time in the late seconds of the bout.

Charles was hard and trim at 187; Layne was flabby at 203. The gate receipts amounted to $34,083, with an added $25,000 from TV rights, which netted each fighter $15,474.

In supporting bouts: Leonard Dugan, 208, decisioned John McFalls, 195 (10); Kirby Seals, 193, nodded James Cartwright, 187 (6); Howard King, 176, and Zeke Robinson, 170, drew (4).

Another little battler, Jesse Mongia of Denver, has become a member of the local bantamweight brigade by biffing out a win over Oscar Torres in a lively ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. That is, he did if he can do 118 pounds and retain his strength, for, this bout was an over-the-weight match and at 121 and Mongia was the lightest he has ever been. Torres, the state bantam champion, came in at 123, too heavy for his own good. It was a hard-fought contest, as both are spirited scrappers, but netiher possesses the speed or skill necessary to become a good bantamweight.

Punching for the body has become an obsession with Torres. Although he did slow Mongia down in the late rounds with a body attack, he left his face unguarded and Jesse repeatedly stabbed him with straight lefts and rights. Mongia copped five of the first six heats, but Torres' tummy thumping won him the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds, which made it close.

In other bouts: Luis Jose Cotero, 120, made his best fight to date in punching out a sixth round KO over classy little Georgie Jacquet, 118, in the semi; Chuck Daley, 210, making his pro debut, showed a good punch in disposing of Claude Hudgins, 185, in the third round; Don Vetters, 154, defeated Tony Villareal, 153, in four; Rudy Romero, 167, beat Henry Taylor, 171, in four; Cliff Brooks, 145, added another loss to Boise Phillips' record.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy deserves a bid hand for continuing with these bantamweight matches. These little scrappers are only run-of-the-mill performers and if one of them is promoted into big money, or world prestige, may he never forget his obligation to the Olympic ringmaster. This bantamweight "revival" was cooked up about a year ago, when it appeared that Los Angeles had—in Gil Cadilli and Keeny Teran—two youngsters with sufficient "color" to become great drawing cards, and potential talent to become world champions. (Babe McCoy, Cal Working of Hollywood Stadium and a guy named Winkler, were the "cooks.")

The program just got started nicely at both clubs, then Cadilli was inducted in the Army and Teran suffered from an illness which has kept him out of competition. With these two out of it, the hope of reviving interest in the bantamweight division seemed lost. But the little fellows had been putting on good fights and a few showed marked improvement, so, McCoy, always one to put out, whenever it would benefit those most who needed it, continued with the bantamweight eliminations, although they mean nothing at the box office and the Olympic doesn't make a dollar from the shows featuring the half-pint boxers.

Making his first start in two years, Dick Finley of Long Beach held Esau Ferdinand of San Francisco to almost even terms for eight rounds at Hollywood Stadium, but Ferdinand got to him with some heavy punching in the ninth to cinch the win. Finley, the harder hitter of the two, might well reverse the decision after having a couple of fights under his belt. He just recently came out of the Army.

Ferdinand dazed Finley with a left hook early in the ninth and he followed up with an attack that kept Dick in a bad way all during the round, but he weathered the bombardment and was still on his feet at end of the tenth. Each weighed 162.

In the six-round semi, Manuel Renteria, 130, a comer, won easily over Leroy Richards, 126. In the prelims: Kildo Martinez, 120, KO'd Don Badilla, 119, in the third; Charlie Powell, 215, making his debut, fought four rounds to a draw with Fred Taylor, 196; Satchel Porter, 152, disposed of Earl Glenn, 155, in the first round.

Because it has been stated so many times in this column that Freddie Herman lost by TKO, due to an eye injury, I feel certain that the reader would know what happened this time just by my stating that Herman could not answer the bell for the fifth round of his bout with Ramon Fuentes, at the Sacramento Auditorium. And it is true that the go was halted at the end of the fourth, due to Freddie's damaged optic, but he also had been on the receiving end of a lacing and even if his tender eye had held up, it is very doubtful that he could have gone the distance.

It was a scheduled twelve-rounder, billed for the State welterweight title, which Fuentes now holds, but the crown was never in jeopardy on this night. Fuentes, 146, was too rugged for the slender Herman, 143, and led in every round. The gate grossed $5,249.

In supporting bouts: Frank Skidmore, 150, KO'd Rico Raveron, 151, in three; Howard King, 181, iced Ike Bean, 174, in the fourth; Bill Lanza, 165, decisioned Harry Jenkins, 156, in four.

Chalking up his eleventh straight win since arriving in California, Billy Peacock, pride of the Philadelphia Peacock's, experienced little trouble in outpointing Baby Moe Macias, the rave of Reno, in a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. All Billy had to do to win was not get hit on the chin by Macia's potent right, and Billy proved a good Baby-sitter, being caught looking out of the window only once. It was in the seventh round, while the little Negro was being a bit too Peacocky, that Macias twice shook Billy to his heels with overhand rights.

For the most part, Peacock hit Macias with every variety of punch and he must have jabbed the little Mexican at least three hundred times. Billy sure knows how to feed a Baby with a left hand. Macias, a gamester, never stopped trying, even in the final rounds, when he was dead tired, and the plucky little Nevadan received a big hand from the crowd for his undying effort. Each weighed 119.

Other results: Ray Acosta, 148, just out of the Army, staged a dandy scrap in defeating Armando Cotero, 155, in the six-round semi; Manuel Castillo, 144, stopped Vince Davi, 143, in the fourth round; Rudy Romero, 166, defeated Jesse Gray, 160, in a four; Victor Ponce, 125, iced Bobby Robles, 128, in the second; Don Vetters, 157, disposed of Gene Fugate, 155, in two.

If Ramon Tiscareno of Juarez had withheld his left glove long enough for Archie Whitewater of Oakland to size up the situation, the Indian warrior might have done much better than he did in their ten rounder at the Eureka Auditorium. But Tiscareno poked that left paw in the Chief's face all evening and Archie was kept busier than a jam-smeared baby with the family pup. Whitewater managed to detour around that tantalizing left occasionally to shake up the good looking Mexican boxer, but not very often, as can be deduced by the scoring. Referee Johnny Mora and both judges having Tiscareno leading by from four to eight points.

In other bouts: Johnny Butterworth of England was awarded a TKO over Johnny Richards of Los Angeles, when the latter was ruled out because of an eye injury (5); Charley Copp decisioned Carroll Genshaw (6); Harry Jenkins won via cut-eye over Gene Campbell (3).

The "ole man river" of local boxing, Carlos Chavez, is back in the winning column again. Each time that the Mexican veteran is regarded as "washed-up"—and they have been many—Chavez surprises with a win over some young sprout who was expected to add finis to Carlos' career. Chavez's most recent surprise was an upset win over Bobby Why, in a ten rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. It was not an exciting fight, there being too much clinching.

Why fought a stupid fight, being inveigled into mixing it in close quarters with his short-armed opponent, and when Chavez tired in the late rounds, Bobby failed to take advantage of the situation, which lost him the go, for, the respite enabled Chavez to recharge his rundown battery, and he waged an attack in the final round that earned him the decision.

In the semi, Armando Cotero, 154, punched Spencer Coleman, 156, out of the picture in the fifth round. In the prelims: Sugar Burnett, 154, a sweet prospect, nodded Don Vetters, 154, in a four; Buddy Evatt, 132, halted

Gene Morris, 136, in the fourth; Pete Gonzales, 153, whipped Gene Fugate, 155, in four; Frankie Osuna, 125, stopped Danny Lopez, 126, in the first heat.

Tom Sharkey, who gave Jeffries his toughest fight, and for many years has been one of the late champion's closest friends, was not at the funeral. In fact, Sharkey is too ill even to be notified of Jeffries' death. The great warrior is so low that attendants feel the news of his old friend's passing might prove harmful to him.

Tom Sharkey was one of the great fighters of the Jeffries' era. There is little doubt that he could whip every top notch heavyweight of this era, including the champion, if Tom were in his prime today. And it is so much harder for one who once was famous to be forgotten during his days of long illness. Letters of praise and encouragement would probably prove of benefit to him, so, for those who would like to drop him a line, he can be reached at the San Francisco City Hospital. But, please write only words of praise and cheer. Do not request his autograph, or a photo, as he is too ill to write and has no pictures.

About a year ago I made this same suggestion, giving out Jeffries' address, with the request that no one write him for an autograph, or photo, because of his serious illness. But in spite of such a plea, a few selfish persons resorted to it. Shame on those who did, and shame on those who impose on this sick man, in the same manner. But, to those who do write Tom Sharkey and confine their letter to words of cheer and praise—many thanks.

The fighting barber, Juan Luis Campos, eked out a razor-edge decision over Baby Face Gutierrez, in a good action ten rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. It was a close shave, though, for, although the official voting was unanimous, most of the sport scribes had it tabbed a draw. This corner figured Campos ahead, judging on three minutes to the round. Gutierrez is a spurt fighter, whose rallies in the late seconds of the heat often cause the spectators to forget what took place earlier in the round (and that is the object), but we older guys have a bit of elephant in us.

Both boys are good punchers and they were banged up at the finish. Campos probably shaved his customers twice on only one side of the face the next day, for, he finished the bout with one eye swollen closed. It was Campos' first main event and his showing assures him of being kept in the "front chair." Campos weighed 127, Gutierrez, 123.

In other bouts: Vince Delgado, 125, defeated Ramon Carrillo, 130, in a six rounder; Gil Chavez, 145, whipped Babe Vance, 141, in six; Don Vetter, 156, KO'd Jesse Gray, 160, in two heats; Vic (Kid) Ponce, 125, stopped Tony Mariano, 124, in the second.

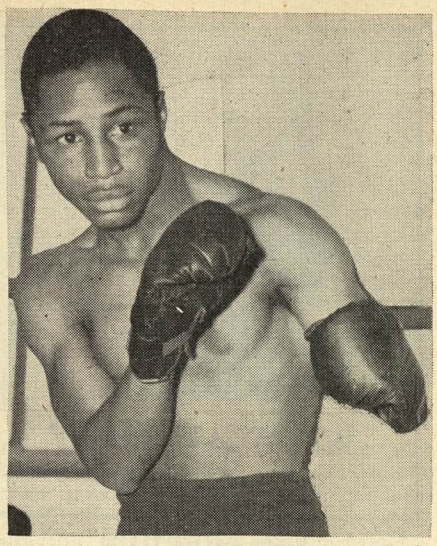
The old ring adage "A good offense is a good defense" has become the battle cry of Willie Vaughn, 160, Los Angeles, judging by his aggressiveness in recent bouts. Willie used to retreat when pitted against more experienced, better known boxers, but no more, as Charley Cato, 156, Oakland veteran, can testify. Vaughn whipped Cato decisively in a ten-round setto at the Stockton Auditorium. Cato made it tough for the youngster in the first couple rounds with a short, jolting hook, but, once riled up, Willie put on a two-fisted attack that Cato couldn't check. Referee Frank Manfredo tabbed Vaughn winner by seven points.

In the semi-windup, another ten rounder, Chico Villa, 124, Decoto, punched out a decision over Billy Evans, 124, Pasadena.

In a six-rounder, Woody Winslow, 154, Merced, decisioned Eddie Jones, 154, Modesto, a substitute. (Could Eddie be Edgar Jones, also of Merced, a former sparring partner? My curiosity is due only to my interest in keeping the records straight.)

He hasn't been in the win column very much in recent months, but when more thrilling fights are staged, Abel Fernandez, Los Angeles Mexican heavyweight, will probably be the one to stage them. His latest slugging bee was with Leonard Morrow, Oakland Negro, at the Olympic Auditorium, in which Fernandez lost by TKO in the eighth round. It was a bad break for Abel, as he was raising Cain with his foe, but had to concede victory to him because of injury to his Adam's apple. (Well, THE RING is the Bible of Boxing, y'know.)

What a brawl it was! And what a date for one—March 17. It might have been more appropriate to have had two Irishmen doing the beak-busting on this night, but no two Sons of Erin could have staged a wilder Donneybrook than the colored clouter and Latin larruper who did the honors. Fernandez had the better of the early rounds, decking Morrow in both the second and third heats. Abel battered the groggy Oaklander from pillar to post in the second, but was, himself, punched around badly in the third until he felled Morrow a few seconds before end of round.



BILLY PEACOCK

ABOUT six months ago a little darkey climbed into the Los Angeles Olympic ring and did such a workmanlike job on Billy Evans, a fair preliminary boy, that the manager's of local bantamweights (the writer was one of them) decided they wouldn't be interested in him, as an opponent, that is. Who was this well-proportioned little Negro, who boxed like a veteran? His name was Billy Peacock, and inquiry revealed that he had won the National A.A.U. flyweight title in 1951, and had engaged in five professional bouts in Philadelphia, his home town, where he was born on June 30, 1933.

Realizing that a bantamweight gets to be no more than just a part of the program in most parts of the country these days, Peacock journeyed to California to get into the picture for Harry Winkler had been beating the drums. And today Peacock is very much in that picture. After three four-rounders, Billy was elevated to semi-windups, and after only three six-rounders, he was given top billing against Tommy Umeda, whom he defeated easily to establish himself as a main-eventer.

Peacock has engaged in ten contests since arriving in Los Angeles. He won four in a row this year and hasn't come close to losing any of them. His two victories over Umeda and Baby Moe Macias put him in line for bouts with Oscar Torres and Keeny Teran, and Billy will be the betting favorite to win over both and wear the state bantamweight crown. Joe Stanley, who also hails from Philadelphia, is the manager of Peacock. And the way Stanley is strutting his stuff these days—the boxers name would better fit the manager.

Although Leonard went down with a thud and the war seemed to be over, he came out for the fourth in better shape than Fernandez seemed to be in. At any rate, he wasn't as wild as Abel and by the end of the seventh, Morrow was only one point behind on two of the official's cards, the other judge tabbing it all even. Late in the eighth, Morrow hit Fernandez in the throat, causing Abel to gasp, choke, turn away and stagger to his corner, prompting Referee Reg Gilmore to award the fight to Morrow.

In other bouts, Russ Gillam, 158, decisioned Jimmy Coleman, 160 (6); Don Grant, 169, beat Rudy Romero, 165 (4); Buddy Evatt, 131, nodded Tommy Manois, 131 (4); Cliff Brooks, 144, shaded Billy Hill, 147 (4); Satchel Porter, 155, whipped Gene Fugate, 156 (4).

San Diego boxing fans packed the Coliseum Arena to see how their "home town boy", Archie Moore, looked wearing his light-heavy crown. (Note: St. Louis, Toledo and Baltimore—think nothing of it!) This was the first pro show staged in San Diego in several months, and the first time that Moore has fought in that city in nearly six years. His opponent was Frank Buford, the roly-poly Oaklander, who absorbs punches like a sponge does water, but couldn't quite soak up the punishment that the light-heavy champ dished out—not for the full ten rounds, that is.

Moore floored Buford for an eight-count in the opening round and won every other heat, jabbing Buford repeatedly with stiff lefts and punishing the fleshy fellow with stiff lefts and rights to the body. The Oaklander turned away in pain in the ninth round and Archie was declared a KO winner. Moore weighed 180, Buford, 200. Gate receipts were $6,300.

While he didn't knock out, or even floor the tough trial horse, as Art Aragon and Philip Kim had done, Elmer Beltz experienced less trouble defeating Bob Terronce than either of the other two had in winning over the colored gamester. Beltz defended himself well against Terronce's persistent attack and repeatedly nailed his incoming foe with both lefts and rights. The Jewish jolter opened a cut over Terronce's left eye in the third and the wound became worse in each succeeding round, covering both with blood. The club physician ruled Terronce unfit to continue, at end of the sixth, giving Beltz a sixth round KO win. Each weighed 144.

In supporting bouts: Don (Rocky) Robinson, 172, slugged out a sixth round KO win over Bob Wise, 170; Kildo Martinez, 120, and Tony Grasso, 118, fought six rounds to a draw; Tommy Manois, 134, KO'd Larry Peteroff, 135, in two; Pete Gonzales, 156, beat Gene Fugate, 158, in four.

Complaining of a pain in his side, Alfredo LaGrutta (falsely billed as the lightweight champion of Italy), gave up the fight at the end of the fifth round of his bout with Eddie Chavez at the San Jose Auditorium. LaGrutta opened strongly and garnered the first couple rounds, then slowed down in the third and offered little resistance by end of the fifth, when he informed handlers that he could hardly breathe. Chavez, 139, was ahead on all three officials' cards when the bout was halted. The Commission doctor stated that LaGrutta, 140, showed signs of suffering from a fractured rib.

Other results: Jimmy Bothelo, 140, bested Tommy Flores, 136, in six; Al Gariby, 132, and Kito Martinez, 134, went to a draw in four; Ralph Gomez, 154, nodded Frankie Ames, 160, in four.

Again making suckers of the local Wizards of Odds (an easy task), Jesse Mongia, 123, Denver, pounded out a decision over Baby Face Gutierrez, 124, San Diego, in ten hard-fought rounds at the Los Angeles Olympic. Gutierrez, once a very promising boxer, seems to have lost the incentive to win, and in this performance there was too much of the ballet in his stanch (several times when punching while on one foot, he spun around off balance). Mongia lacks skill, but makes up for it in ruggedness and fighting spirit. Jesse garnered five of the heats with his aggressive milling; Gutierrez copped three rounds when the Denver boy tired, the other two sessions were even. One of the Baby's winning rounds was taken from him for fouling.

The six-round semi produced a sizzling setto between Jorge Manjarrez, 122, Mexico City, and Jose Cotero, 123, Juarez, which was won by the colorful little Mexico scrapper. Manjarrez made a tremendous hit in climbing off the floor in the third to pound out a very close decision.

In the four-rounders: Billy Hill, 147, Memphis, handed Eddie Williams, 145, Tucson, a lacing; Georgie Fields, 145, floored Leon Spencer, 142, Detroit, to get the nod; Tony Maiorana, 124, stopped Frankie Osuna, 124, in the third; Satchel Porter, 152, again defeated futile Gene Fugate, 155.

It is going to take a good man to beat Willie Vaughn in Stockton, judging from the three performances that the young Negro has staged in that city. In these three starts, Vaughn has shown no awe for the reputation of Bobby Jones, no fear for Charley Cato's punching powers, nor any respect for the "royalty" of Earl Turner. (Turner, y'know, is well known as "Earl of Richmond", and a mean Earl he is—with a left hook.)

Vaughn, 163, not only copped seven of the ten rounds from Turner, but also floored the veteran in both the second and seventh rounds. In fact, Willie all but finished Turner, 158, in the seventh. It was an action-packed go, with Referee Pete Morelli tabbing Vaughn winner by ten points.

In other bouts: Chico Villa, 124, Decoto, stopped Rudy Abad, 129, Vallejo, in two; Billy Lanza, 169, Sacramento, won by TKO over Ernie Dickson, 163, Oakland, in the second, due to an eye cut; Augie Reail, 131, Decoto, and Hank Lujan, 128, Sacramento, went four rounds to a draw.

Bringing a young promising fighter along is good promotion, but, if carried too far, it boomerangs. The managers of Cisco Andrade should realize that. Andrade is a good fighter and what is better, he is a very popular one, but, a few more "soft touches" like Reyes Lopez and Andrade will lose much of this popularity. When the Cisco Kid climbed into the ring at the Hollywood Stadium to oppose Lopez, he was given a terrific ovation. When he left the ring after stopping Lopez in the fourth, the applause was weak and mingled with some booing. Andrade, 135, hadn't yet floored Lopez, 136, but punched him at will and Referee Frankie Van decided it to be too one-sided to continue.

A bang-up supporting card made up for the featured mismatch. Barry O'Neil, 141, belted Rocky Corkins, 146, out of the picture in four rounds; Gil Chavez, 144, nosed out Manuel Castillo, 144, in an exciting six-rounder; Kirby Seals, 196, outslugged Young Jack Johnson, 222, in a four; Cliff Barnett, 160, whipped Satchel Porter, 154, in a four-round punch-fest.

Manuel Ortiz, former bantam champion, is

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spokesman for DuMont said, "There is nothing to it. Eastern Parkway Arena is air-conditioned and we intend to continue originating Monday night fights from that point.

MARCO POLO has a modern counterpart of the same name who also has taken to traveling. The California middleweight who recently battled his way to the top of his division and became champ in KHJ-TV (Hollywood) "King of the Ring" contest received as one of the awards for having successfully defended his "King of the Ring" title against four other boxers, an all-expense trip to New York where he boxed during his stay.

Marco Polo was accompanied to New York by his manager, Jake Shugrue, and Jackie Leonard, matchmaker at the Wilmington Bowl where the bouts are staged. Lou Nova, former heavyweight contender, does the color on the fights over KHJ-TV each Monday evening with Bill Brundige doing the blow-by-blow.

THE Ezzard Charles-Rex Layne fight at the Winterland Arena, San Francisco, was something new for the Bay area fans—a local bout that was visible on local screens. The only previous professional bout there which was televised nationally was the Charles-Maxim 12-rounder at the Cow Palace on December 12, 1951, but Northern California was blacked out on that one.

Pabst sponsored the Charles-Layne bout which grossed $34,003, reportedly paying the promoters (but plural) $30,000 for TV rights. The two fighters received $7,500 each from the TV money, substantially more than the usual $2,000 flat fee allotted to the mid-week main eventers.

SOME of the Southern California's most promising young fighters, who were developed during this past year at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, were featured on the Saturday, March 14, card, marking the first anniversary of the telecast of Legion bouts on KECA-TV. In the year, although television has been blamed for the death of 42 per cent of the nation's small fight clubs, the Legion Stadium has been steadily increasing its gate.

However, only little more than a year ago, things looked bleak for the country's most profitable fight arena as its weekly Friday night bouts began to feel the impact of the televised main event on Fridays from Madison Square Garden.

And so, on March 15, 1952, after being the dominant Friday night attraction in Hollywood for more than three decades, the Legion bouts were switched to Saturday to avoid the video competition from New York. At the same time, club officials in the course of this drastic change, decided to put their own bouts —each week's complete card—on TV.

The main event of the first card televised over KECA-TV featured Fabela Chavez against Chico Morales. But it only drew a dismal gate of 800 fans. Weather-wise, the night was more than dismal. It was an evening in which the Southland had one of its worse storms in years and people were warned by radio and TV to stay indoors.

So the big question remained: In the weeks to follow would people continue to stay indoors at their TV sets or would the Legion be able to attract them?

The question took a few months to be answered. In that time, the crowd seldom exceeded 1,500, maybe 2,000 people. But, meanwhile, Cal Working, Legion matchmaker, was slowly bringing along a new crop of young fighters who were establishing a following of television fans. Many of these fans later became ringside fans whenever their favorites appeared on a card.

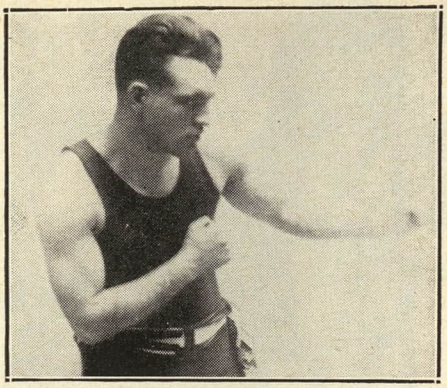
Today, the Legion, with a seating capacity of 6,400, draws as many as 5,000 fans and has averaged over 3,500 in the span of the year.

Some of the youngsters who have made the turnstiles sing are Cisco Andrade, Juan Luis Campos, Gil Cadilli, Vince Delgado, Charlie Green, Jimmy Palazzola, Manuel Renteria, and others.

Hank Weaver, KECA-TV's popular sportscaster, has played a big part in the success of the venture. Through Hank's colorful comments on the boxers, TV fans learn all about the background of the men who become their favorites.

There is one fear Cal Working has, which is a justifiable one. That's the fear of developing his fighters to the point where he loses them to the more lucrative Eastern TV market.

Nationally televised main events from the East have featured many Legion standbys. In fact, during a recent period, four of them—Tommy Harrison, Henry Davis, Fabela Chavez and Johnny Gonsalves—were used on TV events seen on three successive weeks.



WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

JOE SHUGRUE

IN an era when great fighters were in abundance one of the best was a featherweight from Jersey City, Joe Shugrue. Right out of school with no amateur training he fought his first pro fight at Gus Toxler's famous gym in Newark in July of 1910. Though only 15 he defeated the seasoned Banty Lewis.

DURING the following years he traveled all over the United States meeting the best in his class, Johnny Dundee four times, Leach Cross and Charley White thrice, Freddy Welsh, Kid Kansas, and Philadelphia Pal Moore twice, also Owen Moran, Dick Hyland, Willie Beecher, Phil Brock, One Round Hogan, Matty Baldwin, Jem Kendricks, Fred Kay, Milburn Saylor, and scoring a four-round kayo over Benny Leonard.

In 1914 Joe visited Australia, one of the first American boxers to go down-under, Joe lost three of his six fights in Australia as the eye trouble that was soon to bring a tragic end to his boxing career began to hamper his ring work.

On his return to America he fought two thrilling no-decision battles with the lightweight champ, Freddy Welsh.

Although just past his twenty-first birthday it was obvious that the condition of his eyes meant that he would have to hang up the gloves for good. In the short span of less than six years Joe fought 87 times losing only five, four of these after his sight started to fail. He was never kayoed and scored 14 knockouts.

Since 1928 Joe has been employed by the Jersey City Board of Education. The past 11 years as the head groundkeeper of the high school field.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By Bill Hawkins

DES MOINES, Iowa.—Dave Nemo, boxing director for the Jewish Community center here, staged an all-star amateur box card that drew a record-breaking crowd. The feature bout was a five rounder between Don Cady 175, KRNT Golden Gloves champion for 1953 and Frank Cisco, another Golden Gloves champion. The bout was a brawl from start to finish. For two rounds Cisco gave Cady little trouble but midway in the third round, Cady caught Cisco with a terrific left hook to the body which completely slowed down the latter and only the bell saved him from being counted out. Cady announced after the bout that he was turning professional and would be under the management of Ray McNally and Johnny Comito.

Several towns around this area are making an effort to develop boxing talent. Former boxers and several veteran trainers are back taking an interest in the sport. This is a good sign, but what we lack out here is a small club to put these youngsters to work in. Many former amateur boxers wish to enter the professional ranks, but with no pro clubs in operation as in years past, there is nothing for these kids to do but stay put. George Parnassus, manager of several name fighters, is making Sioux City his headquarters. His presence has helped. It made everyone here fight minded again.

Brookings S. D.—The South Dakota 1953 state amateur boxing champions were crowned here. Lawrence Brown, Sioux Falls, won the 126-pound title; Lino Olivas, Edgemount, took the 118-pound crown and Jackie Wiess, Redfield, won the 112; in the upper weights, Glen Bethke, the heavyweight; Emery Brau, Brookings, the light-heavyweight; Leroy Gabriel, Faulkton, the 160; Frank Wallahan, Brookings, 145; Jack Ura, Brookings, the 135. Bethke and Brown won championships in the Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament and Ura was awarded the sportsmanship trophy in the tourney.

Onawa, Iowa.—A total of 76 youngsters have enrolled in the boxing classes sponsored by the American Legion post here. The training includes calisthenics, weight lifting, rope skipping, bag punching and other exercises. Ray Lindley, former boxer and well known trainer, has been named boxing instructor.

Boxing news for this spot must be in our hands by the third of each month. Mail same to Bill Hawkins, 2206 N. Lafayette Place, Sioux City, Iowa. Our phone number is 8-6849.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS.—At this writing George Parnassus, Sioux City manager and promoter, is in Miami, Fla., where he has his heavyweight fighter, Tommy Harrison, meeting Eddie Sims. . . . Parnassus had just returned from New York where he spent several days at a meeting of the Boxing Managers Guild. . . . Promoters seeking talent from around Des Moines can get in touch with John Gomito, 1009—6th Ave., who has a comer in Don Cady, heavyweight, just turned professional. . . .

Johnny Saxton, 149, (left), trades a left for a right with Charley Williams, 152½, during their bout at Ridgewood Grove, Brooklyn. Undefeated Saxton won the ten-round decision.

WHO "NOSE?"

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FIRST as a lightweight challenger, then as an ex-welterweight champion trying to regain his lost laurels, Jimmy McLarnin figured in two of the most postponed title bouts on record. A meeting with Sammy Mandell in June, 1928, ran into three successive nights of rain before it finally was held on the fourth try in New York's Polo Grounds. In September, 1934, another protracted damp spell was responsible for four delays in McLarnin's second bout with Barney Ross in the Madison Square Garden Bowl in Long Island City.

The weather and a weight problem accounted for two postponements of Ray Robinson's welterweight title defense against Bernie Docusen in Comiskey Park, Chicago, in June, 1948. Sugar Ray was having difficulty with the 147-pound limit at the time, and barely hit the mark at weighing-in time on the original date. When rain forced the promoter to shove the bout back, the next available date was four days later. Robinson claimed the notice was too short for him to make the weight again. He demanded more time, and was given another week.

Illness and physical injuries may be unusual in delaying heavyweight title matches, but they've figured often enough in the lighter divisions. One of them had a tragic development. That was in 1949, when Jake LaMotta postponed a return match with Marcel Cerdan for the middleweight championship. Earlier that year, LaMotta had taken the laurels from Cerdan in Detroit. The encore was booked for New York. A few days before the bout was to have been held, Jake reported an injury in training and requested a postponement. Cerdan returned to France. When the new date was set, Marcel started for New York and was killed when the plane in which he was traveling crashed in the Azores.

PHYSICAL ailments were responsible for delaying two of Tony Zale's middleweight title appearances. The first was in 1941. The 160-pound championship was in dispute. Zale was recognized by the National Boxing Association, Georgie Abrams by the New York State Athletic Commission. The rivals were paired for a showdown in Madison Square Garden, but the date was pushed back two months when Zale was laid up with a skin infection.

Then, in 1946, the day before he was to have met Rocky Graziano in Yankee Stadium, in the first of their three wild brawls, Tony was stricken with a severe attack of neuritis, and another two-months' delay resulted.

Rain accounted for another postponement of a Zale title match. Tony's third and final meeting with Graziano, booked for Newark's Ruppert Stadium in June, 1948, was pushed back one night by the uncooperative elements.

Both date and site were changed for the first Lou Ambers-Henry Armstrong lightweight championship affair in August, 1938. The rivals were set for Yankee Stadium. Rain forced a week's delay. When it rained again on the new date, the match was shifted indoors and held in Madison Square Garden.

Though no championship was involved in either bout, two of the most dramatic episodes in Joe Louis' career were produced in postponed matches. They were the two bouts in which Shufflin' Joe was knocked out, the first before he won the title, and the other when he was a paunchy, balding ex-champion. Louis' stunning defeat by Max Schmeling in their first Yankee Stadium meeting in June, 1936, was in a bout that rain had moved back one night. Joe's affair with Rocky Marciano was originally set for October 11, 1951, at the Polo Grounds, but alterations in the schedule became necessary when New York's rival teams, the Yankees and the Giants, became the contending entries in baseball's world series. The fight was postponed a couple of weeks and transferred indoors to Madison Square Garden.

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on another come-back. In a bout at Mexicali (Mex.), Ortiz stopped Manuel Hernandez, El Paso featherweight, in six rounds. The bout was halted when Hernandez was all but out on his feet, after taking considerable punishment.

A scheduled ten rounder at Fresno ended in the second heat when Sal Flores, 156, Anaheim, iced Calvin Johnson, 173, Sacramento. In three other bouts, Augie Salazar, 140, Oakland, decisioned Jimmy Bothelo, 139, in a six; Manuel Montes, 140, San Jose, and Raul Valencia, 142, drew in six; Augie Peal, 133, KO'd Freddie Sanchez, 130, in two. All are preliminary boxers.

This writer has received a lot of mail this past month, due to my offer of pictures and clippings from boxing magazines, but, all will be answered, that is, if a stamped, self-addressed envelope was enclosed for such reply. Thank you. Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

BOSTON.—Dynamite Joe Rindone, Roxbury slugger, won the unanimous decision over Freddie Lott, of Newark, New Jersey, in ten rounds. Rindone looked very good for his first comeback fight in a year.

In another ten, Willie James, conqueror of Rex Layne, TKO'd Burt Whitehurst, of Baltimore, in the third round. It was Whitehurst's first defeat in more than twenty fights.

In another ten, Bobby King of Everett reversed a kayo over Charlie Goulart, of Somerville, scoring in the first round. Goulart, a heavy favorite was down twice before the kayo punch was put over.

Johnny O'Brien, the gritty little featherweight from Dorchester, stepped down from the ring after decisioning Tommy Tibbs, of Roxbury, and asked to be rematched with Joey Cam.

Fall River.—Tommy Smith, 158, Providence, outpointed Billy Andy, 151, Providence (10). Bobby Chabot, 131, Fall River, outpointed Manuel Batista, 139, New Bedford (6).

Augusta, Maine.—Larry Griffin, 145, Lewiston, outpointed Terry Ryan, 146, Portland (10). It was a good fight, with Griffin the better boxer.

Portland, Maine.—Graham Holmes, 136½, New Haven, defeated Reggie Martini, 141½, Charleston, W. Va. (10).

Fall River, Mass.—Marshall Clayton, 141, Washington, outpointed Charlie Smith, 139, Newark, N. J. (10). Eddie Silvia, 146, New Bedford, and Dave Zimmerman, 143, Washington, drew (6).

Boston, Mass.—Paddy DeMarco, the rough, tough Brooklyn brawler, won easily over Henry Davis, of Los Angeles, Calif. A crowd of 4,184 spectators saw the crude but effective DeMarco fight his way to victory.

Cliff Brown, 121½, Roxbury, and Kenny Adams, 120½, Norwich, Conn., drew (4). Bobby Courchesne, 127, Springfield, outpointed Art Davis, 124½, Roxbury (4). Paul Holman, 140½, Allston, TKO'd Earl Carroll, 140, Haverhill, Carroll was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round.

Tommy Tibbs, 130, Roxbury, TKO'd Doc Blanchard, 129½, Cambridge (6). Chuck Jones, 176, Boston, a real tough and clever boy, stopped Eddie Vincent, 171, Norwich, Conn., in the two rounds.

Frankie Ross, veteran boxer, won an easy six-round decision over Dave Grant, of Boston.

Fall River, Mass.—Eddie Sylvia, 145, New Bedford, kayoed Gordon Perry, 148, Providence, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten. Bobby Chabot, 131, Fall River, outpointed Al Duarte, 133, New Bedford (8).

Bangor, Me.—Smitty Hicks, 163, Portland, outpointed Stanley Ketchel, 158, Bangor (8).

Lewiston, Me.—Larry Griffin, 143½, Lewiston, KO'd Bobby Hillard, 148, Richmond, Va., in the fourth round.

Fall River, Mass.—Houston Brown, 137, N. Y., kayoed Willie Cee, 136, Hartford, Conn., in the last round of a ten-round main bout before a large gathering.

Waterville, Maine.—Fernando Gagnon, 120½, Quebec, outpointed Jerry Kortright, 123, New York, in a ten-round bout before 2300 fans.

Roland Lamoyne, 151, Quebec, TKO'd Carlos Enzueta, 146, N. Y. (5). Tommy Tibbs, 130, Boston, KO'd Claude Richards, 128, Quebec (5). Art Davis, 126, Boston, drew with Paul Herrick, 126, Portland, in a sixer. Davis should have gotten the decision. Jimmie Wilkie, 138, Boston, and Maurice Mannie, 136½, Quebec, drew in four.

Boston.—Tommy Collins, Boston, Mass., stopped Fabela Chavez, of Los Angeles, in the fifth round. It was a good fight. Collins is a great little fighter, one of the best drawing cards that Boston ever had. In the preliminaries: Dom Puopolo, 128, Boston, outpointed Cliff Brown, 123, Roxbury (4). Billy Wagner, 131, Philadelphia, outpointed Tommy Tibbs, 130½, Roxbury, (6), Billy Mays, 135, Roxbury, kayoed Bobby Welch, 139½, Jamaica Plain (5), Tommy Nee, 140, South Boston, outpointed Georgie Edmonds, 133, Hartford, Conn. (6), Paul Holman, 143, Allston, knocked out Jimmy Peters, 147, Worcester, in the first round. Holman is putting to sleep all his opponents every week.

Reg Haswell, who promoted the fight in which Vic Toweel won the bantam title, has an excellent prospect in middleweight Jimmy Elliott who has a string of victories and is one of the best of the current crop of fighters in South Africa. Haswell is eager to bring Elliott to the States for two fights and hopes that he can get an offer for the lad.

Boston.—Joe Rindone continued his comeback by outpunching Jackie Keough, 161, Cleveland, 10. The balding Bostonite weighed 163½. Jimmy Walker, 192, Orange, N. J., scored three knockdowns in upsetting Willie James, 209, Boston, 10. Tommy Tibbs, 130, Boston, outpointed Johnny O'Brien, 129, Boston (10), and Dave Grant, 150½, Boston, scored a big upset in kayoing Paul Holman, 143½, Boston (1).

Portland, Me.—Reggie Chartand, 149, Montreal, outfought Billy O'Boyne, 147, Old Orchard Beach (8), and Joe Grimard, 161½, Bath, decisioned Vern Stevenson, 158, Ottawa (8).

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Not only results and pictures of Jimmy Carter vs Tommy Collins championship, but complete coverage on the lightweight class in July Ring.

RATINGS

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Jimmy Bothelo, 6. Jimmy Carlini outscored Whitman Burres, 6. Jacques Herbillon halted Roger Delabassee, 10.

Teddy Anntonetti outscored Tommy Gibson, 6. Pat Lowry kayoed Nate Huskey, 6. Junius Woods outpointed Bobby Rosado, 8. Kid Dussart won a foul from Luigi Valentini, 2.

Rocky Casillo kayoed Gene Gunter, 2. Chato Hernandez stopped John Capitano, 3. Pete Logue kayoed Al Ferguson, 3, and beat Steve Tomassi, 6. Luigi Male outfought Diulio Bianchini, 10. Valere Benedetto drew with Gilbert Ussin, 10.

Larry Griffin kayoed Bobby Hillard, 4, and beat Terry Ryan, 10. Johnny Miller drew with Ray Perez, 10. Reggie Chartrand decisioned Blackie Noel, 6, and Billy O'Boyne, 8.

Carmen Basilio kayoed Carmine Fiore, 9. Baby Ike defeated Ray Acosta, 6. Johnny Gentile outscored Charley Scott, 6.

Jed Black kayoed Jed Parlin, 2. Norman Webb halted Guiseppi Sabatini, 3. Al Pellegrini won from Fred Monforte, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

George Araujo outpointed Teddy Davis, 10. Bonnie Espinosa, Philippine lightweight champion, upset Eddie Chavez, 10. Paddy DeMarco outpointed Henry Davis, 10.

Johnny Gonsalves outpointed Virgil Akins, 10. Doug Carter outclassed Charlie Slaughter, 12. Orlando Zulueta outpointed Wallace (Bud) Smith, 10. Art Persley outpointed Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 10. European champion Jorgen Johansen was beaten twice in non-title bouts by German champion Werner Handtke, 8 and 10.

Ralph Dupas beat Waldo Fusaro, 8. Ivor Germain outpointed George Barns, 12. Bobby English upset Eddie Compo, 10. Bernie Conn won over Ricky McCullough, 8, and Tony Llanelly, 8.

Pat Ford needed only one round to demolish Joe McEntee. Jacques Prigent retained French title by polishing off Francis Bonnardel, 10. Teddy Murphy outfought Arthur Carrington, 6. Guy Gracia whipped Marcel Merle, 10.

Solly Cantor beat Tommy Bailey, 8. Luis Barreto outscored Pedro Tesis, 10. Danny Hurley whipped Cliff Anderson, 8.

Bobby Bickle defeated Billy Wagner, 6. Wagner upset Bobby Singleton, 8. Theo Nollet trimmed Benjamin Dambele, 10. Carlos Chavez beat Bobby Why, 10, and Johnny Butterworth, 10.

Welsh champion Selwyn Evans was stopped by featherweight Alby Tissong, 4. Doug Medley defeated Ben Miloud, 8. Tommy Marciano kayoed Jimmy Bryant, 1. Jacques Herbillon polished off Gerard Laurent, 2.

Frank Wilson scored an upset by beating Sid Stevens for the New Zealand title, 15. Jackie Ryan stopped Dave Landers, 8. Nelson Levering decisioned Nicola Funari, 8. George Collins drew with Armando Yanes, 6.

Bobby Chabot defeated Manuel Baptista, 6. Al Duarte, 8, and Baptista again in 10. Armando Lopez kayoed Cachorro Raul Herrera, 7. Richie Howard drew with Larry Mujica, 10, and beat Fred Monforte, 10. Boland Abrams decisioned Cortez Jackson, 8. Benny Uhl outscored Jentice O'Neil, 6, but lost to Danny Davis, 8.

Eddie Brant beat Al Juergens, 10, then was halted by Juergens, 8. Manuel Bufala stiffened Ziyaris Taki, 3. Jimmy Wilde stopped Pat Mallane, 5. Jacques Prigent kayoed Francis Bonnardel, 10.

Kenny Taylor stopped Willie Croka, 3. Baby Vasquez kayoed Candido Gonzales, 5, and beat Hy Meltzer, 10. Tommy Reed outpointed Ray Edwards, 6. Gaetano DiLucia outfought Bouadjemi Mohkfi, 10. Graham Holmes kayoed Billy Wilson, 4.

Tommy Maddox halted Roy Carruthers, 4. Joey Gambino drew with Jorge Sanchez, 8. Jose Morell defeated Henry Winchman, 8. Edgar Stover beat Fredrico Escalera, 6. Houston Brown kayoed Willie Cee, 10.

Aladino Gusman halted Freddy Gonsalves, 5. Rene Bolivia outfought Morlay Kamara, 10. Bobby Timpson defeated Richie DeCerio, 6. Lou Martino drew with Earl Clemons, 6. Ramon Tiscareno beat Archie Whitewater, 10. Salvador Mares beat Bobby Silva, 10. Silva bested Domingo Hidalgo, 10.

Johnny Busso stopped Tommy Morgano, 3. Ernie Kemick beat Harold Dade, 10. Chuchu Ruiz kayoed Chu Chu Jiminez, 7. Cisco Andrade kayoed Reyes Lopez, 4.

Rudy DeHoyos outfought Enrique Esqueda, 10. Gene Robnett beat Bobby Fenty, 6. Larry Mujica drew with Billy Murphy, 10.

Earl Hilton outpointed Tommy Reed, 8. Johnny Mahlangue stopped Gerry Hassett, 3. Tommy Marciano decisioned Chico Corsey, 6. Lloyd Hudson kayoed Paul Martin, 7.

Walter Johnson decisioned Filberto Osario, 6. Les Gaines drew with Tommy Manaois, 10. James Perry outpointed Japanese welterweight champion Hachiro Tatsumi, 12.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Percy Bassett was upset by Dave Gallardo, 10. Gallardo lost to Baby Ortiz, 10, and Artiz kayoed Ciro Morasen, 4. Willie Pep outclassed Joey Gambino, 10, and Noel Parquette, 10. Jo Woussem outscored Louis Cabo, 10.

Puppy Garcia stpoped Edel Ojeda, 7. Corky Gonzales outpointed Charley Riley, 10, and Gene Smith, 10. Manuel Ortiz kayoed Manuel Hernandez, 7.

Victor (Sonny) Leon halted Juan Diaz II, 4. Manolo Garcia drew with Jose Galiana, 10, but was outpointed by Mohamed Chickaoui, 10. Gene Smith kayoed Al Maglieri, 8.

Vin Woods won from Barney Walker, 12. Enrique Lamelas kayoed Baby Pijuan, 5. Alby Tissong kayoed lightweight Selwyn Evans, 4, and Jackie Turpin, 2, and outpointed Bola Lawal, 8. Isidro Martinez decisioned Melvin Bourne, 10.

Trevor King stopped Bluey Wilkins, 4. Tommy Tibbs stopped Doc Blanchard, 3, and beat Johnny O'Brien, 10. Al Cruz beat Tenejos Boy, 10. Lulu Perez outscored Pat Iacobucci, 8, and Tony Say, 8.

Cesar Saavedra drew with Luis Castillo, 10, and kayoed Felix Gutierrez, 1. Sammy Bonnici whipped Teddy Peckham, 8. Tomas Castillo beat Salvador Mares, 10. Bobby Woods kayoed Tony Alvarez, 5.

Ike Chestnut whipped Clint Miller, 6, and Cecil Schoonmaker, 6. Bill Bossio defeated Miguel Berrios, 10. Rex Sullivan outfought Paul Shea, 6. Moi Torres beat Pepe Montes, on a disqualification in 3. Jose Ramos stopped Tony Amabile, 4.

Baby Luna kayoed Transito Ramirez, 6, and drew with Tommy Vasquez, 10. Flaviano Ciancarelli drew with Gianni Capobianchi, 8. Capobianchi also drew with Francisco Sisalli, 8. Vince Delgrado dfeeated Ramon Carrillo, 6. Jean Machterlinck edged out Juan Rofas, 8. Juan Luis Campo beat Baby Face Gutierrez, 10.

Santiago Martinez kayoed Felix Triana, 3, and drew with Emilio Figueroa, 10. Chico Villa beat Billy Evans, 10, and kayoed Rudy Abad, 2. George Patunas kayoed Bill Gilliam, 3. Henri Houdelet drew with Andre Scotto, 8. Juan Leanos kayoed Fidel Balderas, 2.

Joel Gutierrez kayoed Maestrito Castro, 1. Art Mullin stopped Fishcake Donaldson, 4. Jorge Manjaras upset Jose Cotero, 6. Lorenzo Garcia defeated Henry Luera, 6. Harold Gomes kayoed Bobby Davis, 3.

Frankie Osuna kayoed Danny Lopez, 1. Nello Barbardoro flattened Heinz Wonneberger, 1. Ray Mejia kayoed Kid Flores, 7. Jacques Bataille stopped Roger Bruneau, 8.

Jimmy Cooper beat Filberto Osario, 6, and kayoed Charley Diggs, 1. Michel Ranvial stiffened Marcel Auclair, 2. Lino Garcia drew with Juan Martinez, 10. Manuel Perdomo beat and drew with Babe Echevarria, both in ten. Kenny Adams beat Cliff Brown, 6.

Paul Herrick defeated Billy Sheridan, 8. Mohamed stopped Pierre Carrara, 9, and defeated Manolo Garcia, 10. Jacques Bataille kayoed Roger Bruneau, 8. Ludwig Lightburn beat Honey Boy Williams, 8.

Alby Tissong kayoed Jackie Turpin, 2. Bernard Fairbanks edged out Hughie Mackie, 8. Harry Ramsden whipped Billy Connolly, 8. Jose Bruno kayoed Mack Little, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jimmy Carruthers retained world title by stopping former champion Vic Toweel, 10. British champion Peter Keenan awarded decision over Stan Rowan, 10 (non-title). Fernando Gagnon defeated Jerry Kortright, 10.

Henry (Pappy) Gault, North American titleholder, outpointed Billy Lima, 10. Flash Eldore won from Al Cruz, 10. Jesse Mongia defeated Baby Face Gutierrez, 10. Robert Cohen trounced Gaetano Annaloro, 10.

Bobby Dodoo upset Eddie (Bunty) Doran, 8. Harold Piper outpointed Vince Blake, 12. Blake also was kayoed by Alan Landers, 5. Tommy Umeda drew with Ben Escobar, 10.

Emilio de la Rosa beat Raul Solis, 10. Casey Jones outpointed Roy Higa, 10. Billy Peacock halted Oscar Torres, 2. Robert Meunier drew with flyweight Jake Tuli, 8. Bobby Sinn halted Bullant Sims, 4.

Emile Chemama stopped Hogan (Kid) Bassey, 5, and defeated Dante Bini, 10. Robert Cohen outpointed Gaetano Annaloro, 10. Jimmy Brewer outscored Harry Alley, 6, and drew with Ron Johnson, 8. Luis Castillo drew with featherweight Cesar Saavedra, 10.

Theo Medina outpointed Kim Navarro, 10. Jose Cotero kayoed George Jacquet, 6. Tommy Vasquez beat Davey Bedoya, 10, and stopped Leandro Garcia, 6, and drew with Baby Luna, 10. Garcia beat Mike Gonzales, 10, and Ray Mejia, 10. Ali Martucci easily outpointed Angel Cordova, 6. Andre Valignat stopped Kid Andre, 6.

Beau Jack II outfought Rudolfo Ampudio, 10. Luis Villa defeated Lino Botello, 10. Mario Royo kayoed Jose Ciorino, 7.

Jorge Valverda kayoed Fili Garcia, 4, and beat Lucio Hidalgo, 6. Francisco Galvano kayoed Osvaldo Lopez, 5. Angel Aldama beat Otilio Galvan, 10. Nate Brooks defeated Nicky Harris, 4.

Edmond Moletto whipped Jesus Rubio, 10. Manuel Ramirez kayoed Roberto Espinoza, 1, and Chavo Banuelos, 6. Georges Mousse lost to Jose Galiani, 8. Felipe Sosa kayoed Dimas Espinoza, 4, and beat Pedro Pina, 6. Moncef Fehri drew with Pierre Jean, 6.

Pedro Garcia outpointed Babe Garcia, 10. Edel Ojeda was stopped by Puppy Garcia, 7. Tony Grasso drew with Kid Martinez, 6.

Gene Garcia beat Baby Mortel, 8. Andre Valignat halted Kid Andre, 6, and shaded Georges Ionescu, 10. Mario D'Agata edged out Edmond Moletto, 10. Ilario Tanelli outpointed Arthur Emboule, 8.

Eddie (Bunty) Doran outpointed Andy Mohan, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

British Empire champion Jake Tuli was held to a draw by bantamweight Robert Meunier, 8, but came back to outpoint bantamweight Amleto Falcinelli, 10. Tanny Campo outfought Baby Moe Mario, 10.

Jimmy Thomson stopped Billy Baker, 3. Charley Bohbot whipped Andre Jasse, 10. Jackie Butler won from Tony Kay, 4.

Chicharttos Kid defeated Folrero Valdez, 8. French champion Louis Skena outpointed Mariano Mendes, 8. Larry Angeles outpointed Tannery Boy, 10. Rene Cruz kayoed Willie Brown, 6. Cunning Andy beat Little Brown, 6. Danny Kid outscored Dommy Ursuwa, 8.

Ogli Tetty stopped Freddie Orr, 4. Mickey Roche outpointed Jimmy Quinn, 8. Jimmy Thomson halted Billy Baker, 3.

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thinks Petersen's salary is a little high, considering the fact that the city treasurer gets about $12,000 a year for worrying over a 300,000-populated city; the city engineer, who spends millions annually for improvements gets a similar amount and the city solicitor, who keeps the city free from damage actions, also can draw no more than $12,000.

Canadian grappling news, from Barry Lloyd Penhale:

Promoter Frank Tunney of Toronto continues to draw large enthusiastic crowds to his weekly wrestling promotions and was compelled to put up the "Sold Out" sign recently when former heavyweight boxing champion Primo Carnera battled the Canadian giant, Wladeck (Killer) Kowalski. Leading matmen to make recent appearances in Toronto include: Gorgeous George, Earl McCready, Hardy Kruskamp, Frank Taylor, Firpo Zybysko, Don Beitelman, Howard (Hangman) Cantonwine, Man Mountain Dean Jr., Steve Stanlee, Larry Moquin, the Red Mask, Ovila Asselin, Ski Hi Lee and Frank Valois. . . . Two Texas ruffians, namely Dick Raines and Lou Plummer, have established themselves as a top drawing team combination and are the current tag team champions of Canada, a title which they won from Canadian stars Whipper Billy Watson and Pat Flanagan. . . .

Whipper Watson remains the biggest single drawing attraction in Canada and the great British Empire champion is really on top of his game at the present time. Watson has been meeting with considerable success in the United States recently and has made frequent appearances in New York, St. Louis and Chicago.

Montreal mat fans are happy that their native favorite, Yvon Robert, has returned to the mat again. Empire champion recently defeated Buddy Rogers in Boston, to win the heavyweight title.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

PHIL RIZZO, 156, of New York badly outpointed Boy Brooks, 155, of the Philippines in a twelve-round main event of Promoter Lope Sarreal at the Coliseum for the benefit of the Philippine National Red Cross and The Peace Fund Drive. Rizzo became the middleweight champion of the Philippines which had been held by Brooks for five years without a challenger. At the end of the battle Brooks was found with a black eye, split lips and bleeding nose.

Al Cruz, 125, of California won the unanimous decision of the referee and the two judges in his ten-round bout with Tenejeros Boy, 126, ranked number one in the lightweight division of the country. Al was the master until the ninth when he received a big cut over the right eye caused by the head of his rival.

Bob Diccico, 140, and stablemate of Rizzo kayoed Sammy Garcia, 136, of Pampanga in the fourth round. Bob proved too strong for the Filipino fighter.

Jackie Trillana, 120, knocked out Johnny Madrid, 114, of Tarlac in the fourth round. Jackie was too strong for his smaller opponent. Terry Tom, 126, of Davao was outpointed by Vic Fuentes, 124, of Sta. Ana in six rounds. Teddy Mauhar, 124, and Young Marcos, 123, drew in the curtain raiser of four rounds.

April 8—Bonnie Espinosa, Philippine lightweight champion, easily outpointed Eddie Chavez of California, No. 4 contender, in a ten-round bout at the Coliseum. Chavez was the aggressor but found Bonnie too clever and elusive. Espinosa won nine of the ten rounds.

Tanny Campo, flyweight champion of the Philippines, defended his crown against Baby Moe Mario, 114, of Reno, Nev., in a ten-round battle at the Coliseum, promoted by Otto Shalk for the benefit of Boy's Town. Mario downed Campo with a right to the jaw but the Filipino got up and made a punching bag of the Mexican from Nevada.

Rene Cruz, 113, and a leading contender for the flyweight championship of the Philippines, knocked out Willie Brown, 114, in the sixth round. Willie was leading by a wide margin when caught by a right to the jaw in the fifth round and the bell saved him from an early knockout.

Tommy Romulo, 124, outpointed Nestor Reyes, 123, of Laguna in a ten-round supporting main event. Nestor was a bloody mess after the battle. Abbie Connie, 113, outpointed Rudy Alcantara, 112, in six rounds. Efren Cruz, 112, and Young Bataan, 115, drew in the four-round curtain raiser.

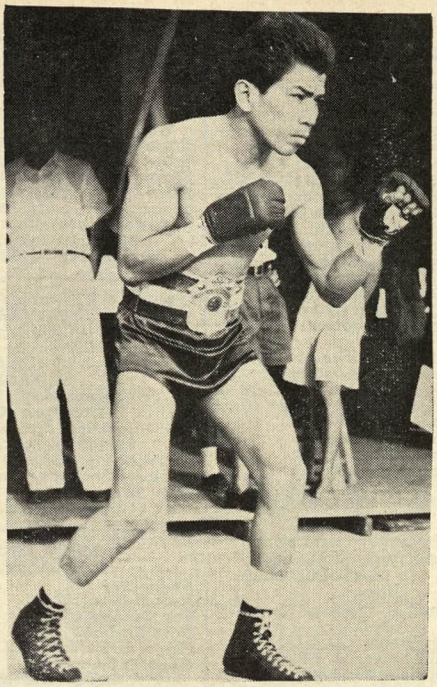
Tommy Lerma, 129, kayoed Star Naven, 131, in the eighth round of their ten-round main event in C. V. Nazario weekly presentation at the Olympic Stadium in Grace Park, Caloocan, Rizal. Lerma is now in the limelight.

Baby Dundee, 124, beat Young Mariano, 125, in eight rounds. Mariano was stronger but Dundee was more clever. Berting Junior, 127, easily deposed Adamson Kid, 124, in the second round. Baby Naven, 121, bested Bagumbayan Boy, 127, in six rounds. Speedy Dado, 110, and Ric Ricuerdo, 111, drew in a four-round special attraction. Ray Escober, 111, won over Young Rudy, 111, in four. Turing, Jr., 109, stopped Kid Samaniego, 114, in the third round of the four-round curtain raiser.

Larry Angeles, 112, badly outpointed Tannary Boy, 114, bantamweight champion of Mindanao and Sulu, in ten-round main event at the Olympic Stadium. Cunning Andy, 111, defeated Little Brown, 106, in six rounds. Flashy Guevarra, 102, kayoed Little Dundee, 95 in the second round of a four-round special attraction. Kid Ocampo, 112, bested Star Fojas, 110, in four. Young Narcing, 109, and Baby Saroga, 110, drew in four. Baby Martinez, 111, lost to Rocky Lazaro, 117, in four rounds.

The Kid Independence-Small Quintin bout was declared No Contest! After several warnings from the referee, the referee stopped the brotherly act. Epi Duran, 116, defeated Danny Del Campo, 114, in six rounds. Young Fuentes, kayoed Rush Emperio in the second round. Baby Mante, 120, won over Nilo Garcia, 119, in four. Star Perigrino, 112, bested Brown Bomber, 110, in another four rounder. Kid Independence, Jr., 112, and Lightning Ginny, 110, drew in four. Kid Arab, Jr., 114, defeated Star Lasang, 112, in four. Flash Misamco, 118, won over Boy Negro, 115, in four-round curtain raiser.

Flash Elorde, 124, bantamweight champion of the Orient, outpointed Al Cruz, 123, of California in ten-round main event of Promoter Lope Sarreal at the Coliseum. The battle was close from the beginning but in the last two rounds Al tired. Tommy Umeda, 119, drew with Ben Escobar, 122, in the ten-round supporting main event. It was the best fight in the evening. In the seventh round Umeda sent the Filipino reeling to the ropes. The Filipino recovered and rained Umeda with lefts and rights. The decision was not well received. Umeda was applauded for his sportsmanship and clean boxing.



Tanny Campo, star Manila flyweight, who will fight Yoshio Shirai for the world championship on May 15 at Tokyo.

Danny Kid, 111, badly outpointed Dommy Ursuwa, 111, of Baguio City in eight rounds. Danny was too clever for the slow moving Igorote. Danny Garcia, 118, lost to Young Eddy, 121 in six rounds. Garcia was the master from the first to the sixth but the referee saw it otherwise. Little Manuel, 120, easily beat Frank Nativided, 121, in six rounds. Blackie Robinson, 102, and Cris Censio, 109, drew in four.

Tenejeros Boy, 128, outpointed Star Matnog, 132, in ten rounds at Grace Park, Caloocan, Rizal, a show promoted by Nazario's weekly presentation. Tenejeros was the aggressor of the night while Matnog was always backpedalling. In the ninth round Tenejeros inflicted a cut over the left eye of Matnog that bled profusely. The referee gave his decision to Tenejeros.

Gene Garcia, 117, badly outpointed Baby Mortel, 113, in eight rounds. Garcia was the Baby's master in the last four rounds. Rudy Alcantara, 111, kayoed Speedy Roco, 111, in the second round. Speedy Dado, Jr., 112, stopped Baby Cabanela, 112, in the second round. Flashy Medina, 113, bested Danny Revilla, 115, in four rounds. Star de Leon, 121, won over Junior Catarman, 121, in four while Baby Naven, 124, stopped Little Dalma, 124, in the first round.

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CANADIAN TOPICS
By Lawson Bampton

MARCEL (ROCKY) BRISEBOIS, 23-year-old Montrealer, is the new wearer of the Canadian welterweight crown vacated by Johnny Greco's retirement. Scaling 146, Brisebois came on strong after a slow start to flatten Bryant Kelly, 140½, Niagara Falls, at 1:34 of the seventh of a scheduled twelve rounder at Quebec sanctioned as a title match by the Canadian Boxing Federation. Greco, who had abdicated the crown a month previously to go into business, was on hand to present the championship belt to his successor.

Reggie Chartrand, 149, Montreal, decisioned Blackie Noel, 147, Quebec's "Old Man River" of the ring, in the eight-round semi-final. Tony Percy, 152½, Drummondville, kayoed Tiger Roy, 153¼, Arvida, at 2:13 of the second round. Verne Stevenson, 155, Montreal, TKO'd Kid Lepage, 149, Drummondville, in five and Claude Grenier, 135, Quebec, outpunched his local rival, Kid Coquette, 134, in the four-round opener.

Armand Savoie, Canadian lightweight champion who is Canada's foremost ringman today, has a chance to become a leading challenger for the world title when he meets Brooklyn's "Bully Boy", third ranking Paddy DeMarco, at the Montreal Forum on April 27. Matchmaker Raoul Godbout got a real "natural" when he signed DeMarco for this match and it figures to be a pip of a battle. Savoie's upset victory over champion Jim Carter in a non-title bout here rocketed the Griffintown youngster into No. 6 slot among the contenders and a win over DeMarco would put him right up there with the likelihood of an outdoor title shot here in the summer.

FROM RIO DE JANEIRO
By Dr. Izorgot

FIVE Brazilians won amateur championship matches in the recent South American tournament. Here are the results:

135 pounds—Pedro Galasso, Sao Paulo, Brazil, beat Rufino Esquerre, Uruguay, on points. 147 pounds—Poulo de Jezus, Rio de Janeiro, beat Pedro Herera, Chile, on points. 160 pounds—Nelson de Amdrada, Rio de Janeiro, stopped Hugo Arturola, Urugauy, 2. 175 pounds—Valdemar Adao, Mimas, Brazil, outclassed Hector Cabrini, Chile, on points. Heavyweight class—Lucio Grotone, Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, beat Luiz Amadeo Sosa, Uruguay.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND.—Lou Green has replaced Johnnie Addie as the steady announcer at Laurel Garden boxing shows. Lou has been the wrestling announcer for a number of years. The Newark Golden Glove team won the team championship in the Eastern finals, with Harold Carter of Linden and Bill Ford of Newark winning the 175 and 160 pound titles. Carter won the inter-city championship for the New York team's only knockout win. Johnny Herring, of Newark, along with Ford, was defeated in the same competition.

The results of Jersey boxers in out of state rings saw Joe Blackwood move back into the middleweight picture by beating George Benton. Wallace (Bud) Smith held Johnny Saxton to a surprise draw, then lost to Orlando Zulueta; Ronnie Williams beat Al Lynn, twice; Vince Martinez was upset by Chico Vejar; Tex Gonzales beat Vinnie D'Andrea; Tommy Reed beat Ray Edwards; George Patunas kayoed Bill Gilliam; Sonny Luciano was stopped by Palo Rosi; Al Wilson beat Phil Burton; Joe Tomasello lost to Sammy Giuliano; Tony Rezar beat Jack La-Bua, but lost to Emerson Butcher; Sonny Jones beat Shirley Pemberton; Roger Muriel lost to Willie Boyd; Pat Best beat Jimmy Squires; Charlie Smith lost to Marshall Clayton; Tony Cimmino lost to Carmine Fiore; Curtis Bruce beat Bill Clark; Jimmy McMillen split two bouts with Jersey rivals, losing to Joe Weinbrecht and upsetting Billy Mack; Ed Dixon kayoed Steve Cermak.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH: Curtis Bruce, a fast improving young middleweight for East Orange who is undefeated so far in three pro bouts. In his last bout he beat Bill Clark who had boxed Richie Reed a draw.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH.—Arena, Trenton: Ike Williams, 150, Trenton, the former lightweight champion of the world, made his first home town appearance in four years and easily outpointed Claude Hammond, 144, West New York, N. J., in a fast ten rounder. Braxton Reed, 132, N.Y.C., kayoed Dennis Avant, 130, Philadelphia, in 1:15 of the second. Bernie Gaeta, 134, Trenton, kayoed Chico Palaico, 2:20 of the first. Bobby Nichols, 156, Pleasantville, outfought Al Niang, 155, N.Y.C., (4); and Eddie McBroom, 159, Trenton, kayoed Alvin Murphy, 156½, Trenton, in two.

Georgie Johnson, 154, Trenton, the state middleweight king, halted Jimmy DeCerio, 155, Norristown, Pa., in seven rounds. DeCerio twice went the limit with Gil Turner, but was no match for the hard-punching Johnson. Bobby Timpson, 138, N.Y.C., got a gift decision over Richie DeCerio, 136, Norristown, Pa., in the semi six; Billy Lee, 168, Camden, kayoed Johnny Lovelace, 174, Philadelphia, in 2:57 of the first; Joe Pietro, 128, Philadelphia, outfought Jimmy Sheenhan, 125, N.Y.C., (4); and Sid Barry, 158, Paterson, defeated Eddie McBroom, 159, Trenton (4).

Laurel Garden, Newark: Hurley Sanders, 158, Newark, was too classy for Roy Alston, 152, Trenton, 8. Baby Beau Jack, 125, Bronx, scored over George Patunas, 124, Bayonne, in a fast six. Charley Drexler, 139, Bayonne, stopped Roy Collins, 144, Newark, in four. Frankie Sapone, 131, Jersey City, seemed to have an edge on Joe Garcia, 129, Brooklyn, but had to settle for a draw (4). Buddy Fondt, 135, Bayonne, kayoed Willie Jiminez, 137, Garfield (1).

Tommy Morgano, 139, Long Island City, outboxed Jersey City's "Wild Irishman" Des Shanley, 136, in an action packed eight. Billy Mack, 181, Bayonne, came off the floor to beat Chuck Connors, 189, Bronx (6). Gary Garafola, 167, Jersey City, kayoed Sam Rochell, 176, N.Y.C., in 27 seconds of the first. Sid Barry, 160, Paterson, outfought Tim Jones, 160, Plainfield (4), and Joe Garcia, 127, Brooklyn, defeated Felix Carrion, 126, N.Y.C. (4).

Junius Woods, 151, Buffalo, N.Y., got off the deck twice in the second round to floor Bobby Rosado, 145, Brooklyn, in the seventh and win the nod at the end of eight thrilling rounds. Eddie Dixon, 164, Newark, slugged to a six-round draw with Harvey Lammers, 161, New Bedford, Mass. Tommy Shortell, 151, Jersey City, outslugged Sonny Russo, 154, N.Y.C. (4); Larry Crawley, 140, Plainfield, outpunched Frankie Van, Jr., 143, Bayonne (4), and Jimmy Meehan got the best of a decision over Johnny Long, 137, Elizabeth (4). Meehan, 140, is from New York City.

Danny Rubino, 151, Hoboken, made his main bout debut by outslugging rough Billy Andy, 149, Providence, R.I., in a torrid eight rounder that saw toe-to-toe punching all the way. Al Radulic, 150, Hoboken, kayoed Danny Roberts, 140, Newark, in 57 seconds of the fifth; Buddy Fondt, 134, Bayonne, got a gift win over Tommy Farrell, 136, Jersey City, in a fast four; Charley Drexler, 138, Bayonne, stopped Bernie Gaeta, 135, Trenton, in the third; and Al Certisimo, 136, Hoboken, made his pro debut by edging out Henry Hause, 134, Trenton, in a good four.

Monroe Kurtz, 150½, 19-year-old Newarker, moved into the eight-round class with an easy win over hard punching Al Radulic, 152, Hoboken. It was Monroe's second win over Al who has beaten his other 14 foes. Kurtz used an effective left hand to pile up most of his points. Tony Maffe, 155, Elizabeth, beat Ross Johnson, 162, Newark, in a slow six. John Maresca, 127, Paterson, came off the deck in the first to kayo Buddy Anderson, 125, Lodi, in the third. John Smith, 145, Paterson, halted Rudy Duke, 143, Asbury Park, in the second and Norman Salt, 137, Clark Township, outfought Charley Drexler, 137, Bayonne, but still lost the nod in a good four.

LATE FLASHES.—The state assembly passed a bill which would give the boxing commission the right to appoint two judges to help render the decisions at boxing and wrestling matches. This bill sponsored by Assemblyman Smith of Passaic does not make it compulsory to have three officials. It is left to the discretion of the Commission.

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PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

A FINE crowd attended the first pro boxing show staged by the All American Boxing Club, a new organization, in Warren, Ohio, and the fans were treated to an action packed show. In the feature bout Bobbie Hughs, 165, Warren, stopped Jimmy Guy, 166, Detroit, in the second round. A solid smack to the stomach lifted Guy off his feet and dumped him to the canvas for the full count. Earl Batie, 148, Warren, outboxed Adrian Hefel, of Detroit, in four. Jesse Rodriguez, 128, Warren, decisioned Al Bergovin, 126, Niles, Ohio. Johnny Atilla, Warren, lost a four rounder to Chet Wiley in another four, 135-pound class, and Ted Sloban, 165, Warren, made his pro debut a success when he sneaked by the rugged Sam Brooks, 167, Warren, in four. All proceeds of this show was turned over to the Warren Cancer Society.

At Johnstown, Pa., another successful pro show was put on by Brute Kramer with Carmine Fiore, 145, punching out a ten-round decision over the tough Tony Cimmino, 150.

Miguel Mendevil scored a kayo in seven over New Yorker Tony Anthony. Buster Gordon, 180, stopped Billy Lewis, 170, in four. George Patunas, 124, scored a kayo in three over Billy Gilliam, 134, and Danny Stepanovich, 142, scored a kayo over Willie Cheatum, 137, three rounds.

Akron's Ronald Delaney knocked out Jimmy Burke of Milwaukee in the third round at the Rubber City Armory. A right to the midriff did the trick.

Bobby Lee, 147, Baltimore, outpointed Joey Greenwood, 144, Akron, (8). Frank Favaro, 169, Akron, won a seven-round kayo over LOU King, 164, of Chicago. Eddie Crawford, 128, Akron, stopped Paul Prado, 127, Detroit.

SHORT CUFFS: Frank (Bananas) Diamond, of Pittsburgh, a former middleweight boxer, died recently at the age of 68. . . . Jimmy Clark, former Olympic star (1936 team), two-time National amateur boxing champion and a pro star during the late thirties, is ailing and would like to hear from his friends. His address is Vets Hospital, Ward 10-B, Buffalo, N. Y.

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IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

JOEY GIARDELLO, 154½, won a thrilling upset decision over Gil Turner, 147½, both local boxers at the Arena here under the promotion of Herman Taylor. Superior condition and a seven pound weight advantage were in Giardello's favor. It was one of the most furious fights seen here in a long time. George Katz, manager of Turner, had no alibi for the third defeat o his welterweight contender in 38 fights. He said that Turner, two pounds lighter than expected, tired badly in the late rounds.

Referee Charley Daggert scored it (7–3), Judge Zach Clayton (5–3–2) and Lou Tress (7–2–1). There were 7,377 fight fans, who paid a gross gate of $40,642.98. This was Giardello's forty-second and most important win.

Boland Abrams, 135½, scored a victory over Cortez Jackson, 135½, in a local sizzler of eight rounds. They previously fought to a draw at the Cambria Club in this city.

Jimmy Franklin, 163½, Philadelphia, outpointed Sampson Powell, 113½, New York, in an eight-round number.

Jimmy Washington, 160, stablemate of Gil Turner, defeated Jimmy Suber, 155½, New York, in a six rounder and Joe Rowan, 170½, Phoenixville, scored a TKO over Ernie Sanders, 173, Philadelphia, in the first round.

Ike Williams, former lightweight champion, who weighed 152, defeated Vic Cardell, 148, Hartford, Conn., in an unanimous decision at the Met on the Jimmy Toppi, Jr., card on the nationally televised main event. Ike dominated in the early rounds, Cardell got in his best punches in the middle rounds and in the tenth but did not have enough stamina to keep on punching. Williams made his fortieth appearance in Philadelphia and his first since 1951. They fought to a gross gate of $3,589.

Frankie Logue, 148, put on a game fight in one of the supporting bouts when he broke his hand in the third round, and defeated a fellow townsman, Steve Tomasi, who weighed 151.

Richie DeCerio, 140, Norristown, decisioned Ike White, 142, Philadelphia, (6). Art Mullen, 124, TKO'd Fishcake Donaldson, 129, in the fourth round in a local match. Clifton Bradley, 124, decisioned Billy Beaman, 124, in four rounds, both Philadelphians. In another local match, Joe Brewer, 150, Philadelphia, decisioned Red Archie, 155 (8). Bobby Nicholas, 152, Trenton, KO'd Steve Cole, 145, Philadelphia, in the first.

Cambria results—Calvin Smith, 143, and Tiger Rankin, 143, Philadelphia welters, fought an eight-round draw that was a humdinger. Frank Logue, 147½, knocked out Al Ferguson in the third in an all Philly match. Rex Sullivan, 123, defeated Paul Shea, 128, in six. Billy Lee, 171, Camden, knocked out Charlie Paul, 173, Baltimore, in two and Charley Scott, 139, knocked out Chuck Sandi, 136, in two.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

EZZARD CHARLES' terrific ten-round drubbing of Rex Layne at Frisco on April 1 was the big highlight from back this way. TV viewers saw Ezz at his best.

Local friends sadly received the news from the West Coast that Herman Katz, former local promoter, had died March 4 at Los Angeles. Katz was 75 years of age.

Herman was a good friend to this writer. He was one of our first boxing contacts when we came to this city back in 1928. Katz was heavily instrumental in the development of Freddie Miller, former featherweight champion.

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MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULER
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

THE South Atlantic Association amateur championships were completed at the Baltimore Coliseum to decide this district's entrants in the A.A.U. national tournament at Boston. Although the finals were held Easter eve the turnout was a satisfactory one with the fans treated to some real slam-bang action. Don Mathews, Ringside A.C. slugger, was named the outstanding ringman in the open division while the novice division produced Warren Wright, Baltimore A.A. bopster as its best in the event.

Team honors in the open division was garnered by the Ringside A.C. while the Baltimore A.A. copped the novice team crown.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

JOEY MAXIM remains tops as a boxer. Give him a foe like Danny Nardico and he can turn in a pleasing performance. The handsome Clevelander and former light-heavyweight champion proved that a good boxer can whip a good slugger. Facing Nardico, a heavy-fisted Tampan and like himself highly-rated by THE RING Magazine, the ex-titlist showed a rapier-like left to decision Danny in 10 rounds of a nationally televised headliner at Miami Stadium. All three officials saw him the winner, although one had him in front by a single point. Nardico, trailing, caught him with a right to the ear in the seventh and Maxim went to the canvas and Joey took the compulsory eight-count. Promoting this affair were Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., of Miami, and Jim Norris of the I.B.C. The winner weighed 183½ and the loser, 176½.

Cleve (Cleveland) Williams, 190, Tampa's new heavyweight bid, won an eight-semi from Ponce DeLeon, 220, Spokane heavy. Larry Zernitz, 167, New Haven, and Tony Johnson, 176, New York, drew in six. Gene Spangler, 133, Miami, beat Rocky Randell, 133, Rome, Ga., in six. Noel Paquette, 138½, Montreal, drew in another sixer, his opponent being Billy Murphy, 138, from Brooklyn. They were all excellent bouts. The attendance was 5,525 and the gate, $21,717.25, both below par.

The Joe Shaeffer Enterprises, with Lew Raymond as matchmaker, had Jimmy Bivins, veteran Cleveland heavyweight, facing Tommy Harrison of Oakland, Cal., in the main event of the feature on April 6 and Bivins received a surprise when he lost the unanimous decision to the Pacific Coast boy. Harrison scaled 182½ to Bivin's 192. It was a good scrap. Harrison used a left jab effectively to gain the verdict before 4,416 fans, with Joe Louis, the referee.

Bobby Elliott, 152¾, Miami, idle for more than a year with a broken arm, started a comeback against Baby Williams, 158, Havana, Cuba, and gained a split decision. In another ten, Larry Mujica, 133, Miami, drew with Irish Billy Murphy, 139½, Brooklyn.

Angelo Dundee, younger brother of Promoter Chris, tells of some of the famous fight folk on Miami Beach's boxing boulevard. There's a trio of former middleweight champs, Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta and Ray Robinson and former feather boss Willie Pep and Pep's manager, Lou Viscusi, and his trainer, Bill Gore. Jack Kearns, manager of former light-heavy champ Joey Maxim, is another there. Training at the Miami Beach Gym, Angelo names Pep, Billy Kilgore, Sonny Luciano, Tony Johnson, Noel Paquette, Art Thayer, Vinnie DeCarlo, Harry Braelow, Jorge Sanchez, Billy Lima, Ed Stewart, Tony Rezar, Johnny Chaney and others.

THE RING Magazine names the following Southern boys contenders in their divisions: Coley Wallace, Jacksonville and Harlem, 10th in the heavyweight field; Danny Nardico, Tampa, third among the light-heavies; Bobby Dykes, eighth among the middleweights; Henry (Pappy) Gault, of Spartanburg, S. C., third among bantamweights.

Tommy Gomez is back in boxing but not as a fighter but fight promoter. The former heavyweight contender from Tampa presented his first card to home towners with heavyweights Claude Rolfe, of Tampa, and Lee Pierce (also Pearce), of Palatka, headlining in 10. The show was a success, and so was Rolfe who gained the nod from each of the three officials. The loser was 13 pounds heavier than Rolfe. A semi-final scheduled for eight rounds fell short by one as Baby Joe Diaz, local battler, put the quietus on Joe Ludlow, of Peoria, Ill., in the seventh. They had waged a keen struggle with Diaz scoring three knockdowns before the finale. They are lightweights. Sam Muscato, 168, one of the fighting Muscatos from Buffalo, N. Y., got a two-round knockout over Lloyd Dunn, 158, of Chattanooga, in the second round. Mickey McNeil, 165, Daytona Beach and Apopka, won a sixer from Ted Gorrie, 156, of Tampa. Eddie Pulido, promising Tampa 142 pounder, TKO'd Bobby Yantis, of Daytona Beach and Charleston, in two. Eleven hundred fans turned out for the Gomez card (March 27, Tampa).

Tiny boxers representing the Newport News, Virginia, Boys Club cheered veterans at the U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Eustis, Va., with a good eight-bout card. Here are the results sent in by Dykes Thurman, of Camp Pickett, who arranged the show: Freddie Hammonds, 72, won from Robert Carter, 75; Wayne Codding, 78, drew with John Carter, also 78; William Alley, 82, decisioned James Shelton, 110, (Youngster Alley sure must have something on the ball); Orville Blankenship, 84, scored over Jimmy Jones, 96; William Maze, 88, and Bernice Hammonds, 90, travelled to a draw; Chris Ferguson, 66, fought to a draw with Emmett Alley, 67; Lonney Lashley, 74, won from Joe Whitehouse, 78, and Alvin Blankenship, 57, won his thirteenth straight fight, whipping Thomas Vic, 70.

Billy Kilgore, on the comeback, whipped Irwin Schultz, of Jacksonville and New York in the ten-round main event at Miami Beach on March 17, but again injured his right hand which had kept him on the shelf for some time. Billy weighed 167½, and is from Miami and Birmingham, while Schultz tipped 163½. Larry Mujica, 133¾, Miami and New York City, drew in an excellent ten with Richie (Kid) Howard, 135, Halifax, N. S. Noel Paquette, 134¾, Montreal won by a TKO in the fifth of a good fight with Art Montana, 134, Tampa. Cliff Stevens, 146¾, Newark, annexed a sixer from John Chaney, 146, Birmingham. Al (Kid) McCoy, 150½, Tampa and Macon, TKO'd Chick Boucher, 143¼, New York City, in the fourth. Chris Dundee promoted.

Henry (Pappy) Gault, 121, Spartanburg, S. C., and Ring Magazine's number three bantamweight, won a ten-round mainer from Billy Lima, 120, Miami, at Spartanburg, April 2nd. Gault is scheduled for a fight overseas.

Richie (Kid) Howard defeated Joey Gambino at West Palm Beach in the ten-round main event on March 6. Howard, at 132 and from Halifax, N. S., grabbed an early lead and ended strong to take the 130-pound New Yorker. Billy Petrolle, famed welterweight contender, The Fargo Express the folks called him in his days, guest reffed the Larry Boardman-Bob Ritter sixer. Boardman, 127, Marlboro, Conn., dropped Ritter numerous times in the last two rounds but Petrolle let it continue. Ritter, 132, is from Cleveland and Jacksonville Naval Air Station. Whitey Allen, 137, Peoria, Ill., overcame a bad first round to cop a sixer from Jimmy Calcutta, 135, Florence, S. C. Cliff Stevens, 149, Newark, N. J., butted and cut Herb Schoenbaum's left eye and still got credit for a two-round TKO. Herb, 149, Chicago. Al Caroly, matchmaker.

Bobby Dykes, Miami's middleweight bid, resorted to out-of-town action with the following results: knocked out Dick Vess in five rounds, lost a nationally TV'd ten-round mainer to Pierre Langlois, and decisioned Jimmy Martinez in ten.

Only the bell ending the fight prevented a double knockdown from being a double knockout. At Daytona Beach, March 2, Bob Yantis, of Charleston and this city, and Jerry Jenkins, of Jacksonville, met in the five-round main event on Promoter Bob Shaw's card. Yantis dropped Jenkins but Jenkins made it up, and soon both connected at the same time and down they went. The referee reached the six-count when the bell sounded. The folks down at DB won't forget this one. Each tipped 126. J. W. Rounatree, 161, Tampa, TKO'd Billy Winston, 161, Omaha, in three. Freddie Haas, 136, local, and Baby Joe Diaz, 138, Tampa, drew. Gene Williams, 155, St. Petersburg, whipped Emilio Vandez, 153, Tampa. Sugarfoot Gonzales, 132, Havana, drew with Ernest Williams, 135, local.

Bob Balfe, *Palm Beach Post-Times* sports editor, names Eddie Springer the most improved prospect at the finish of West Palm's fight season. Springer is a middleweight from Duluth, Minn., and a nephew of Billy Regan, boxing coach at the University of Miami and Miami area referee. Balfe says the Minnesotan needs polishing but is beginning to move good and carries a hefty wallop.

The score is now 2–1 in favor of Dupas. Ralph Dupas, a prize boxing package out of New Orleans, captured a split call over Baby Vasquez of Mexico City, Mexico, at Miami Beach, March 3. Working nicely at both long range and in close, the Crescent City cutie outmanned and outgunned his foe from South of the Border. The winner weighed 140, the loser, 135¼. Another Orleanian won, Willie Pastrano, 145, got a TKO over Chick Boucher, 141½, in the third when the two accidentally butted and Chick suffered a cut over his eye. Pastrano was ahead at the time. Boucher is from New York. A right thrown by Jimmy Calcutt, 136½, Florence, S. C., broke the nose of Fred Maby, 137, New York City and Calcutt took a TKO triumph in the third. Jimmy Ford, 142, Miami, kayoed Sam Wesley, 138½, Miami, in two. Tony Aciego, 144½, New York City, TKO'd Don Foster, 147½, Bar Harbor, Me., in one. Andy Mayfield, 157¾, grabbed a four from Kid Robinson, 160, both Miamians. Chris Dundee promoted.

Emerson Butcher carved out a close ten-round duke over Glen Hendershot at West Palm Beach, March 13, and thus kept on the winning side in his five Florida fights. Butcher, 145, Rock Island, Ill., kept the Binghamton, N. Y., boy on the defensive. The loser at 149. Billy Regan refereed. Whitey Allen, 137, Peoria, Ill., a Navy lad stationed in Jacksonville, earned a TKO over Gene Spangler, of Miami, when Spangler who had given a good account for five rounds could not make it for the sixth. Allen cut Gene about the face and scored two knockdowns to boot. The loser is in the Air Force. Eddie Springer, 156, Duluth, Minn., scored in a six rounder with Phil Saad, 149, Bridgeport, Conn. Springer stepped on the gas in the last part of the bout to take it. Hop Wood reffed this one. Buddy Frazier, 141, Pittsburgh, won a sixer from John Chaney, 143, Birmingham. Jackie Brady, 145, Detroit, and Bobby Leonard, Milwaukee, drew in four.

In one of the finest main events presented here in years, Willie Johnson, of Jacksonville and Lumberton, N. C., and Charles Clark, of Tampa, gave the fans a rousing ten rounder at Daytona Beach on March 16. Johnson won the duke and scored two knockdowns in the second round. Each weighed 149.

A six rounder went to Mickey McNeil, 165, Apopka, who triumphed over Sam Muscato, same weight, from Buffalo, N. Y. Baby Joe Diaz, 138, Tampa, won an exciting four rounder from Young Joe Lorie, 135, Miami. Ulysses Washington, 140, Daytona Beach, and Charles Wilmore, 137, same city, waged a fine scrap and settled for a draw after four rounds. In the only fight that failed to last the distance, J. W. Roundtree, 162, Tampa, won by a TKO in the fourth over The Panther, 158, local. Bob Shaw promoted.

This must be a record attendance low. Only 70 persons attended Promoter Bob Shaw's card on March 23rd at Daytona Beach. Matchmaker Saul Weingeroff did a turnabout and refereed when one of the managers complained Referee Jiggers Palladino was not breaking the fighters, Bob Yantis and Rudy Ross, fast enough. The manager was Kermit Robinson, who had Ross, and the substitution came in the middle of the fight. Robinson later accepted a bout with Mickey McNeil who had already fought earlier on the card and TKO'd Johnny Ricco in two rounds.

For his daring, Robinson was TKO'd in the third round when McNeil broke Kermit's nose. McNeil weighed 165; Robinson, 180, and Ricco, 180. Hold on, this isn't all. Palladino, refereeing the Wayne Sanders-Rube Turner bout was accidentally bopped and gashed on the cheek during the melee. And Yantis, who got a TKO in three over Ross, got the biggest purse it is claimed he ever got in Daytona Beach, $21, and that came from fans throwing money into the ring.

By the way, in a four rounder called a draw, Ulysses Washington, 142, local, met with Ernest Williams, local 140-pounder. The Ricco mentioned above is from Asbury Park, N. J., and Sanders, 190, U. S. Army; Turner, of Nashville, Tenn., and Jacksonville, 185; Yantis from Charlestown, Daytona Beach and Jacksonville.

In the last show at West Palm Beach for the season, Eddie Springer, 158, Duluth, Minn., won an eight rounder from Glen Hendershot, 154, Binghamton, N. Y., before 5000 fans on March 20. Glen won only one round during the slugging bee, the sixth when he felled Eddie for a count with a body punch.

Joey Gambino, 131, New York, drew in eight with Jorge Sanchez, 130, Havana, after having him down in the second. Jorge ended well to earn the even-Stephen call. Emerson Butcher, 144, Rock Island, Ill., whipped Buddy Frazier, 145, Pittsburgh, in a rough eight, in which both resorted to fouling ways. Baby Bond, 140, Hoboken, TKO'd Mickey Miller, 145, Newburgh, N. Y., in three. Al Caroly, matchmaker.

Uncanny Chris Dundee can pull rabbits in the matchmaking department as a magician can from a hat. How he does it, we don't know but Chris has a knack for such. Many times at Miami Beach where he promotes an underdog has put the favorite to shame. Wallace (Bud) Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was matched with Johnny Saxton, the whirlwind New Yorker on March 10 and Smith dropped Saxton twice and got a draw after ten rounds. That put a stop to Saxton's winning ways. The knockdowns came in the second and sixth rounds. The Ohioan, managed by Vic Marsillo, tipped 144½, the New Yorker, 147¼.

Larry Zernitz, 174, New Haven, outbombed Tony Johnson, 176, New York City in a great eight. Harry Braelow, 159½, Miami Beach, kayoed Billy Downing, 158, Lakewood, N. J., in the first round with his power punching. Jimmy Morris, 156½, Miami, TKO'd Gene Betzel, 158½, Tampa, in seven. Tony Rezar, 155, Jersey City, scored over Jack LaBua, 154, Brooklyn, and Jake LaMotta's protege in six.

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403 West Ninth Street, or *Jacksonville Journal*, Jacksonville, Florida. Many thanks.

Joe Blackwood decisioned George Benton in the ten-round main event at Miami Beach on March 24. The winner, from Patterson, N. J., weighed 160¼, and the loser, from Philadelphia, tipped 156. It was dull. Top action took place in an eight rounder which went to Vinnie DeCarlo, 151¼, of Philadelphia by a TKO over Herb Schoenbaum, 151, Chicago. Emerson Butcher beat Tony Rezar, 151½, of Jersey City, in the eight-semi. Butcher, from Rock Island, Ill., weighed 147.

Art Thayer, 157½, Brockton, Mass., kayoed Richard Davis, 158, Worcester, Mass., in one. A four-round TKO went to Jimmy Ford, 139½, Miami, over Slamming Sam Wesley, 137, Miami. Chris Dundee promoted.

Danny Nardico knocked out Nash Karahan in one round with a light left to the face, Karahan taking the kayo clutching his left leg as if in pain. That's how the main event Promoter Al Garcia rigged up ended at Tampa on March 24. The 4,200 fans thought they had been cheated. Don't blame Danny. He was just as surprised as the fans were. Doctor M. A. Chardkof said "muscular spasm", or charleyhorse to you and me was the cause. Karahan, 186, is from Turkey. Cleve (Cleveland) Williams, Tampa's winning heavyweight prospect, knocked out Ponce De Leon, 221, Spokane, Wash., in two rounds. The winner weighed 204. Bobby (perhaps Buddy) Frazier, 138, Miami, won a sixer from Rocky Robinson, of Tampa, in the only good fight on the card. Bob Gordon, 130, Tampa, beat Snakehips, 130, Tampa. Baby Joe Louis, 134, Tampa, drew with Bobby Graham, 138, in a four. Graham also a Tampan.

Bobby Lawrence, a 160-pounder from Durham, N. C., is considered one of the best young prospects in the South today. Under John Cox, he has fought professionally 12 times, won 11 (seven by kayoes) and drew with the well-regarded Jimmy Burns, of Augusta, in the remaining bout. In the amateurs, Bobby scored 24 kayoes, drew one and lost one. Watch Lawrence.

There were no regrets when Tommy Larkin, a Boston heavyweight, failed to show up for his main event with Claude Rolfe on Promoter Tommy Gomez's show in Tampa on March 3. A substitute topper between Baby Joe Diaz, local product, and Buddy Frazier, of Miami Beach, was packed with thrills enough to make the customers forget the Rolfe-Larkin match. Diaz grabbed a close but unanimous decision after ten hard-fought rounds, piling up the advantage in the middle of the fight. Frazier could have earned a draw, even taken the fight if he were more aggressive. The loser weighed 139½.

Joe Ludlow, 140, Daytona Beach, earned a four-round TKO over Bob Ray, of Tampa. Artie Gonzales, 130, Tampa, TKO'd Bob Yantis, of Charleston and Daytona Beach, in the second round. Charlie Clark, 157, Tampa, drew in the opening four with Mickey McNeil, 160, Daytona Beach.

For the first time in Jacksonville school history, a boxing article has been published in a school's paper. The Andrew Jackson Senior High gave yours truly the honor and privilege to write an article on one of it's students, Alfred Henck, a heavyweight who fought in the Jacksonville Golden Gloves tournament. Jackson High's publication is a worthy named "Tiger's Claw". It's Editor-in-Chief is Donald Bacon and the Sports Editor is Rick Tuttle.

At Sarasota on February 26, Charles Clark, 150, Tampa, defeated E. Pestall, 155, Nebraska, in the ten-round main event. Larry Zernitz, 169, TKO'd Johnny Mack, 160, in the fifth. The loser is from Dalton, Ga., and the winner from Connecticut. Ernest Nogues, 130, Tampa, lost a sixer to Rocky Randell, 130. Young Joe Louis, 132, Tampa, lost a four to Buck Johnson, 126. Joe Boyce, 124, Washington, D. C., lost a four to Delroy Johnson, same weight. Tony Cancela promoted.

Noel Humphreys, the fistic star in Mickey Davies' stable, will be out of the Army in the Fall, writes Mickey, our RING Magazine colleague. Noel will resume his boxing under Davies. At present the Huntington, W. Va., lightweight is serving with our men in Korea. Davies hopes to bring out the quality of Ross Calvin, a Nashville, Tennessean, and like Humphreys; one of the best of Golden Gloves products in that area. Calvin served with the Navy and in 40 bouts there, won 36. As a professional he has nine fights to date, winning all, four by kayoes. Twenty-two years of age, Ross started boxing when 14 and in all-amateur total, he's had 153 fights. He plans on moving to Huntington where Davies is in business. The young ex-Navyite is 22 years old, married and has a young'n, Michael.

Hal Boylston (James H. Boylston), one of the finest Jacksonville developments, will carry his fighting to the other side now that he's overseas. Hal at present is serving with the Army, a chief clerk and athletic director in Yokohama, Japan.

There was a time when West Palm Beach believed a native boxing son would either wear or come close to wearing the championship belt. The folks down there thought heaps about Jimmy Burke then. That was several years ago. Jimmy, after a long layoff, reveals his presence. He's in the Air Force and stationed at Turner Air Force Base, near Albany, Ga. The handsome Floridian is married, and he's still boxing.

In 27 service bouts, Jimmy has won 24 and he's anxious to tangle with the best in this area. Jimmy fought as Johnny Burke while out Texas way last year. Baron Pate, of West Palm Beach, handled Jimmy when West Palm was the latter's fight grounds. Burke was well regarded by the fight fans in Savannah where he fought a number of times.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Lenny Myers

AT Ron-De-Voo Arena, Milwaukee, Wis.—An action packed card of bouts was put on by Promoter Sammy Madden at his Ron-De-Voo Boxing club in Milwaukee, featuring Ralph Schneider and Henry Hall. Big Ralph, hailing from Chicago, at 235 pounds, was stopped between the seventh and eighth rounds due to a nose injury. The best fight on the card was the six rounder between Stan Hartman, 130 pounder from Van Wert, Ohio, and Arthur Portley, 128, Milwaukee, Wis. The duke went to Portley. Robert Sherrill, 174, Chicago, stopped Irish Al Casey, 180, New York, in the third round. Johnny Johnson, 149, Chicago, stopped Dick August, 150, Chicago, in the fifth round of a sixer.

Al Lieberman, popular Milwaukee business man who manages Cecil Hudson, has been getting many offers for his charge. Hudson has had five good bouts under his belt, and is now ready for the top middleweights. Hudson can be booked through your writer.

Rainbo Arena, Chicago.—Keeping his Chicago record clean, Rocky Casillo, Blue Island welterweight, again came through with a clean-cut eight-round decision over Mario Morena, 149, New York. The bout, a tame affair, didn't have the usual Casillo thrills. Casillo did most of the leading. This earned him the decision.

In other bouts, Clinton McDade, 137, Benton Harbor, won a five rounder from Benny Uhle, 138, St. Catherine's, Canada, in a lively bout. Johnny Mitchell, 150, beat Johnny Gillespie, 153, Benton Harbor, in four heats. Johnny Valentine, 138, Detroit, and Ralph Cervantes, 136, Rockford, fought five fast rounds to a draw. Andrew Godwin, 171, Chicago, scored his best win to date beating Cal Vernon, 174, Milwaukee, in five heats. Godwin took Vernon's best punches to come back and win handily.

Keeping his winning streak going at full speed, Allan Moody, 147, Chicago, punched out an eight-round decision over Joey Greenwood, 147, Akron, Ohio, in the feature event at Rainbo Arena. Greenwood made a good fight for five rounds, then faded, as Moody landed with a two-fisted attack that had the Ohio boy out on his feet. Moody seems ready for better opponents.

In other bouts, Eddie O'Dowd, 155, Waukegan, knocked out Gayle Jones, 156, Benton Harbor, in the fourth and final round. Ziggy Biela, 135, Chicago, won a four rounder from Clinton McDade, 136, Benton Harbor. Tommy Maddox, 137, Chicago, scored a four-round knockout over Roy Carruthers, 138, Akron, Ohio, in a slam-banger slated for five rounds. Maddox looks like a good prospect. . . . Al Andrews, 153, Chicago, beat Eddie Simms, 155, in five fast rounds.

Luther Rawlings, Chicago lightweight, is busy sending out challenges to the leading lightweights. Rawlings, who last year was rated the No. 1 contender by the N.B.A. and THE RING Magazine, has been getting the run-around from the top lightweights since his ten-round disputed loss to Jimmy Carter, lightweight champion.

Herbie Schoen, Chicago welterweight, is campaigning in Miami, Fla. Herbie, a good looking prospect, with a hard punch in either hand should do well.

Yours truly was watching television at home the past week when, to my surprise, came a film on the screen titled, "You're in the Ring", and to my delight, it featured Nat Fleischer, Ring Editor, who has done much for boxing.

Winning his bouts seems to be a habit with Bobby Boyd, 158, Chicago, as he once again came through with a knockout, this time over Chuck Coleman, 160, Detroit. The end came in the sixth round of a featured eight-round bout at Rainbo Arena. Boyd was much too classy for his rugged opponent, who showed good the first three heats.

In the undercard, Rex Traux, Lansing heavyweight, lost a four-round decision to Chuck Syers, Wichita, Kans. . . . Eddie O'Dowd, 150, Great Lakes, outpointed Tim Soloman in another four-spot. . . . Don Owens, 135, Chicago, beat Sammy Joseph, 136, Chicago, in five fast rounds. . . . Andy Godwin, 173, Chicago, looked real good in beating Charlie Polk, 169, Chicago, in a thrilling fiver. . . . Red Evans, 153, Chicago, scored a T.K.O. over Ernie Moseley, 154, Benton Harbor, in the third round.

Promoter Irving Schoenwald of Chicago has landed a networks contract for bouts to be televised nationally on Saturday nights with Ray Arcel handling the card. The bouts are telecast from Rainbo Arena, and St. Louis, giving Irv the break he long has been waiting for. A better fellow couldn't get this big break as Irv has battled long and hard to keep boxing alive in the Windy City. . . . Nice going, Irv.

Rainbo Arena.—Irving Shoenwald's first network show sponsored by the Philly Cigar Company turned out to be a big success. A capacity crowd turned out. In the ten-round feature, Johnny Gonzalves won a split decision over Virgil Akins. They are lightweights. Both boys turned in rallies, but it was the clever boxing of the California boy that caught the judges' eyes. Akins seems like his long layoff cramped his style.

In other bouts, Allan Moody, 146, Chicago, scored a fast knockout in the first round of a scheduled eight-spot, over Mario Moreno, 148, New York. Dick Kerber, 145, Milwaukee, won by a T.K.O. over Rocky Cassillo, 147, Chicago, in the third round of another bout slated for eight rounds. Bobby Boyd, 158, Chicago, outpointed Ted Olla, 160, Milwaukee, in eight hard rounds.

Remember, all notes pertaining to Illinois boxing should be in my office no later than the first of each month.

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CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS

By Sal Giacobbe

BOXING is again at a standstill in the Nutmeg State. New London Lodge of Elks after a very successful opening show will await the outdoor season to promote a couple of big shows. Manny Leibert and Gus Browne are also awaiting the good old summer time to bring boxing back to Hartford.

In the meantime, Leo Bradley has signed to promote a series of boxing shows at the New Haven Arena. GOOD LUCK, LEO!

Last month's issue of RING erroneously stated that the Connecticut Boxing Guild's Banquet honoring Dennis T. (Dinny) McMahon would be held on May 10. The date actually is Monday, May 11, at the Waverly Inn, on the College Highway in Cheshire, Conn.

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BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W. Copeland

PROMOTERS Craig and Ford put on a show at the National Gymnasium with Colon's idol, Isidro Martinez, trouncing Panama's Melvin Bourne in a rough ten-round bout. Bourne, 121, puzzled Martinez, 122½, throughout the fight with his awkward style.

In another ten rounder, a thriller, Panama's Beau Jack II, 119¼, eked out a decision over Rudolfo Ampudio, 118, of Colon. Jack II announced after the fight he will henceworth use his own name, Rudolfo Francis.

Horacio Otis, 128½, turned the heat on Panama Ray Robinson, 124, but the latter managed to last the distance in a torrid six rounder.

Victor Asprilla, 115¼, kayoed Emilio Cordova, 118, in 2:45 of the first round.

The attendance was 8,000 with the receipts $1,107.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP by Charlie Parish

IN the few outstanding fights of the month, Robert Cohen gained a moral victory over featherweight Jean Sneyers in the latter's bailiwick of Brussels, as well as beating classy Gaetano Annaloro. Nuernberg confirmed in Germany by stopping Werner Wiegand, and Gerhard Hecht likewise continued to bowl over Europe's best light-heavies. Johansen was defeated again by the German, Werner Handtke, and Ingemar Johansson impressed by outfighting big Lloyd Barnett. In America, Hein ten Hoff won his first bout, Pierre Langlois beat Jimmy Beau and Tony Say, Parisian feather, lost his first outing. Fontana got kayoed down in Uruguay by Dagomar Martinez, which bodes ill for the Italian's further campaigns in Argentina and elsewhere.

Wavre, Belgium.—Undefeated light-heavy star Marcel Limage continued his winning run by outscoring Emile Degreef, local southpaw artist, in ten rounds.

Taranto, Italy.—Angelo Brisci whipped Vittorio Costa in a welter eight. Giovanni Zinno decisioned Gianni Capobianchi in a feathers six and new lightweight hope Vernaglione knocked out Ivo Tramontano in the first.

The Milan Bantamweight Belt was won by Garutti, who bested Giuseppe D'Augusta in eight. On the Cagliari bill, reported last month, on which Zuddas defeated Valignat, Gavino Furesi was also on display, stopping his fellow-townsman Musina, from Sassari, in the fourth of a feathers fray.

Brussels.—Cyrille Delannoit gained another success in his comeback campaign when he obtained a most narrow points win over Said Khelfa, Algerian middle, in ten rounds. Serge Barthelemy put the fat in the fire by inflicting on Jean Corhay his first defeat as a professional. Barthelemy whipped the Belgian cruiser over eight rounds, but the third French middle, Tino Pierluigi, was forced to retire in the second frame of his fight with Emile Delmine owing to injury.

Charleroi, Belgium.—Marcel Limage iced the French cruiser Yves Calamari, in the opening stanza. Jean Machterlinck got the better of Juan Rofas in a feathers ten. Kid Louis nodded Dutch middle, Wim Ludwig in the first.

Rotterdam, Holland.—Jan De Bruin decisively outscored the Frenchman, Christian Lunaud in ten rounds. Heintje van der Zee was held to a draw by André Meraint in a bantam six and Baby De Voogd stopped French heavy Lucien Touzard in the fourth frame.

Bologna, Italy.—Franco Cavicchi drew with the German novice, Hans Friedrichs, in eight rounds. Marcello Padovani, still unbeaten, edged Karl-Heinz Bick of Germany in a flashy lightweight argument over ten rounds.

Paris.—At the Central, the smart Algerian feather, Mohamed Chickaoui, forced highly-touted Pierre Carrara to retire in the ninth round after taking three trips to the canvas. At Amiens, Jacques Bataille, featherweight, was impressive, when he stopped useful Roger Bruneau in the eighth. Francis Novak drew with Antonio Lopez of Spain in a welter eight and Jacques Julien decisioned Marcel Gonzales in a welter ten.

Liege, Belgium.—Luigi Valentini returned to action with a first-rate kayo of the Belgian welter clouter, Alois De Wulf, in the third round.

Jo Woussem got the better of Belgian feathers king Louis Cabo in a non-title ten rounder.

Lyons, France.—Joseph Roude, the tough local cruiser, took just 74 seconds to dispose of the modest Spaniard, Al Daura, at the Winter Palace. Henri Authier was held to a draw by Andre Belacar in a bantam ten.

Guivarch, France.—Robert Guivarch knocked out the clever but fragile Senegalese, Dia Omar, in the fourth round of a welter bout.

Barcelona, Spain.—Théo Medina opened his Spanish tour with a good points win over the young Catalan bantam, Kim Navarro, in ten rounds. He dropped the local boy for a nine-count in the last round. Manolo Garcia fought a ten-round draw with Jose Galiana, local feather.

Madrid, Spain.—Vincente Etcheverria became the new Spanish welter king when he knocked out Victoriano Olivares in the sixth.

Menton, France.—Tony Feliciano banged out a good points win over the Italian middle, Claudio Rossi, in ten, and Julien Staccini, local lightie, obliged Bousmaha to retire in the seventh.

Hamburg, Germany.—Werner Wiegand suffered an overwhelming defeat at the Ernst Merck Hall, when the heavyweight newcomer, Guenter Nuernberg, obtained revenge for a previous defeat by knocking out the Luxemburger in round seven. Wilson Kohlbrecher could only obtain a draw with Hans Friedrichs in a heavyweight bout in six. Hans Strelecki was stopped in the seventh round of a great fight with southpaw Willi Hoepner. Heinz Sachs edged a victory over the Belgian, Emile Degreef, and Guenter Sladky forced another Belgian, Smelders Dominique, to retire in the second.

In two further cruiser affairs, Dieter Hucks drew with Henri Chebaut of France in six rounds and Toni Gruber bested Hans Streicher in four.

Rieti, Italy.—Flaviano Ciancarelli drew with Gianni Capobianchi in a feathers eight. At Naples, Luigi Coluzzi was disqualified for low hitting in the fifth round of his welter clash wth Costante Brazzi.

Montreuil, France.—Oscar Menozzi was declared winner over Robert Masson after a lively heavyweight ten.

Paris.—At the Montmartre, modest Georges Norel claimed another upset win by defeating Michel Aubignat in a middleweight ten. Bridenne got the better of the Spanish middle, Manuel Quintana, in eight. At the Stadium, Charles (Bimbo) Kieffer halted Gino Menozzi in the sixth frame of a welter duel.

Chalons-sur-Marne, France.—Jacques Herbillon knocked out Gerard Laurent in the second round of a lightweight clash here. At Metz, Bruno Marostegan was too expert for young Emile Zilli, local welter hope, whom he defeated over ten rounds. At Sedan, Henri Houdelet drew with Andre Scotto in a feathers eight.

Oran, Algeria.—Emile Chemama was favored by the judges over Dante Bini after a rapid bantam ten in which Bini appeared to have the advantage.

Gothenburg, Sweden.—Ingemar Johansson topped the bill for the first time, scoring a good points win over Lloyd Barnett, of Jamaica, in a heavyweight eight. Olle Bengtsson ran up another success by halting the South African middle, Joe Munro, in the sixth. Little Sulo Seitola, promising Finnish bantam, decisioned Pierre Stanzack of France over six.

St. Jean de Luz, France.—Henri Goya achieved a lucky win over the Italian welter hope, Franco Vescovi, when the latter was disqualified in the seventh for holding. At Tours, Roland Guille won over Emile Godart in a light-heavy ten.

Amsterdam, Holland.—Charlie Anglee, decisioned the Frenchman, Luc van Daele, in ten, and Henk Klok knocked out Gauthier, French feather, in the opening round.

Coudekerque, France.—Michel Ranvial, local kayo artist, stiffened Marcel Auclair in the second frame of their feathers slam. Andre Younsi nodded Chretien in another feathers bout over eight rounds.

Lisbon, Portugal.—The first team of German boxers to visit here since the war had considerable success. Winnfried Henne outpunched Carlos Rocha and had the local down three times before he retired in the third of their light-heavy affair. Walter Schneider showed well against Raphael Da Sylva, Portuguese welter king, who won clearly in ten fast rounds.

Eupen, Belgium.—Joseph Horsch won a narrow decision over the German, Lothar Escher, in a rough middleweight ten.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS—By Charlie Parish

(Month Ending April 15, 1953)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)
2. Karel Sys (B)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Renato Tontini (I)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Luigi Valentini (I)
4. Guenter Nuernberg (G)	Jacq. Hairabedian (F)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Kid Dussart (B)
5. Werner Wiegand (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Mickey Laurent (F)	Leo Starosch (G)
6. Wil. Kohlbrecher (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Raphael Da Sylva (P)
7. Stef Olek (F)	Willy Schagen (H)	Emile Delmine (B)	Titi Clavel (F)
8. Hugo Salfeld (G)	Marcel Limage (B)	Antonio Soldevilla (S)	Luigi Male (I)
9. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Karl Ameisbichler (A)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Robert Guivarch (F)
10. Ingemar Johansson (D)	Winnfried Henne (G)	Franco Festucci (I)	Edgard Delannoit (B)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
Jacques Prigent (F)	Ray Famechon (F)	Robert Cohen (F)	Louis Skena (F)
Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Maurice Sandeyron (F)	Young Martin (S)
Werner Handtke (G)	Ray Grassi (F)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Charlie Bohbot (FM)
Joergen Johansen (D)	Luis Romero (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Nazz. Gianelli (I)
Duilio Loi (I)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Dante Bini (F)	Ot. Belardinelli (I)
Auguste Caulet (F)	Maurice Forni (F)	Emile Chemama (F)	Robert Mouginot (F)
Augustin Argote (S)	Alvaro Nuvoloni (I)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Bernard Celestini (F)
Sauveur Chiocca (F)	Artidoro Polidori (I)	Georges Ionescu (F)	Piero Rollo (I)
Joseph Preys (B)	Alvaro Cerasani (I)	Rudi Langer (G)	Emile Delplanque (B)
Louis Carrara (F)	Jacques Bataille (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Antonio Diaz (S)

NOTE.—Austrian heavy champion, Kurt Schiegl, has retired.
Finnish lightweight, Elis Ask, has retired.

LEGEND—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (FM) French-Morocco; (Fn) Finland; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxemburg; (S) Spain; (T) Tunis.

Orleans, France.—Baby Day won fairly easily over Gilbert Stock in a middles ten here, whilst Stan Sobolak bested Badji in a bantam eight.

Paris.—At the Central, Guy Garcia successfully defended his Parisian lightweight crown by beating Marcel Merle in ten rounds. René Valignat stopped Dupré in the fifth stanza of a lightweight maul.

Barcelona, Spain.—Austrian visitors here were given a hot reception by Spanish fighters. Modest Juan Torrecillas outpointed big Herbert Waniek in a cruiser eight. Domingo Lopez halted Alfons Kubes in the seventh of a middles clash, Pages undeservedly got the nod over Adalbert Simek in a feather eight and lightweight Manuel Bufala stiffened the Turk, Ziyiaris Taki, in the third.

Rome.—At the Teatro Italia, Giuseppe Di Joanni was impressive in whipping Silvio Roteglia over eight rounds. Giovan Alfonsetti stopped Lucio Vigna, the heavyweight from Pavia, in the third. Vari laced Aldo Vinci in a welter eight and Enrico Macale trimmed Mario Posca in a feathers eight.

Milan.—Amadeo Madella was on top form to gain a draw with expert Gino Rossi in a good middles eight.

Milan.—At the Principe Theater, Silvio Roteglia drew with Felice Gallo in a lightweight eight. Gaetano Guerriero drew with Lucio Vigna in a light-heavy six and Benito Rovinelli triumphed over Adriano Raba in a lightweight six.

Strasbourg.—André Valignac returned to his old method of quick wins when he stopped Kid André in six rounds. Sauveur Chiocca laced Eugène Thomann in a good lightweight ten.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—The writing on the wall was plain for all to see when the German double champ, Werner Handtke, punched Joergen Johansen into a pitiful mockery of a European champion and gained a clear points win over the Dane in ten one-sided rounds. Johansen was on the deck several times, but the title was not at stake. Martin Hansen and Said Khelfa of Algeria indulged in a middles roughhouse which ended in a victory for the Dane after eight rounds. Marcel Mathieu of France was most unfairly deprived of a win against Henning Jensen in eight rounds. Ingemar Johansson, the big Swede, became Scandinavian heavies champ by outscoring the Dane, Erik Jensen, in six rounds.

Paris.—The last meeting of the season at the Montmartre saw Gaetano Di Lucia gain a difficult win over the unruly North African, Bouadjemi Mokhfi, in a lightweight ten. Umberto Paccagnella drew with the Tunisian middles star, Roland Romano, in eight.

At the Stadium, René Bolivia showed better form by beating Morlay Kamara in a lightweight ten. Juan Mencia, the Spanish heavy, knocked out André Ogier in the third frame.

Casablanca, Morocco.—Charlie Bohbot won clearly over the Parisian flyweight, André Jasse in ten rounds. Leonard Riva took a pasting from Ray Degl'Innocenti but stopping the Marseilles heavy in the third.

Elbeuf, France.—William Thieulin, local aspirant for welter honors, had a job to whip Léandre Mateos in ten rounds. Jean Julien decisioned Andre Jicat in a lightweight ten.

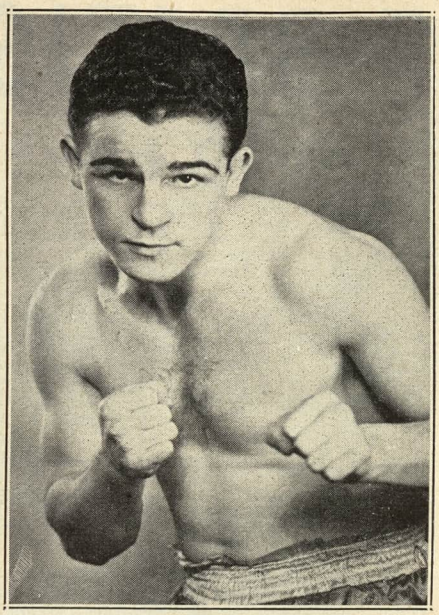
Rheims, France.—The tough southpaw puncher, Jacques Herbillon, dropped Roger Delabessée seven times before the fight was halted in the tenth.

Abijan, Ivory Coast.—Jacques Prigent successfully defended his French lightweight title out here in Darkest Africa, by knocking out Francis Bonnardel in the tenth round. Théo Nollet trimmed the local lightweight champ, Benjamin Dambelle, in ten rounds and Cisse Osmane stopped Cobla in the eighth of another lightweight affair.

Civitavecchia, Italy.—Luigi Male obtained a good points win over the rugged local welter, Duilio Bianchini, over ten hard rounds. At Civitacastellana, Sergio Caprari continued undefeated by stopping Franco Simonetti in the fourth of a feathers discussion.

Flers, France.—Marcel Tirel, young Norman middles comer, forced Bimbo Kieffer to retire in the fifth. At the Paris Central, Robert Mouginot became the new Parisian flyweight king when he halted the holder, Ali Graichi, in the sixth. Franco Vescovi nodded David Gondolo in a welter six.

At Marseilles.—Valère Benedetto was held to a draw by Gilbert Ussin in a welter ten. Morsli stopped the Franco-Italian heavy, Giacomo Bortol, in the sixth.



Cyrille Delannoit, former European middleweight champion, who has gained several impressive wins in his comeback campaign. His latest victim was Said Khelfa of Algeria.

Barcelona, Spain.—Louis Skena won over the Basque flyweight hope, Mariano Mendes, in eight rounds, Georges Mousse was obliged to dip his colors against the Catalan champion, Jose Galiana, also in eight.

Firenze, Italy.—Francisco Sisalli, once a great feathers hope, returned to action with an eight-round draw against Gianni Capobianchi here. At Lodi, Nello Barbadoro knocked out the German feather, Heinz Wonneberger, in the opening stanza.

Cannes, France.—Bruno Tripodi upset the local middles star, Tony Feliciano, in eight rounds. Alex Ceremonia was held to a draw by the Spanish cruiserweight, Jesus Ortuga, also in eight.

Paris.—At the Salle Wagram, Robert Cohen out-fought the Italian bantam, Gaetano Annaloro, in another bantam bout. Hilaire Pratesi bested Lemaire over six rounds. Sergio Milan, Italian ex-amateur star, scored the biggest upset in weeks by stopping blond Jacques Dumesnie in the fourth session of a feathers conflict. Claude Burger, the Swiss middle, stopped Pardou in the fourth.

Brussels.—Undefeated Marcel Limage became the new Belgian cruiser champ by icing the holder, Victor D'Haes, in the eighth.

Berlin.—Gerhard Hecht added Albert Finch to his list of victims when the Croydon lightheavy surrendered at the end of the eighth round. Finch was several times floored. Willi Hoepner stopped the French cruiser, Joseph Roude, in the fourth. Karl Ameisbichler of Austria edged Bruno Junkuhn in six, Guenter Sladky outfought Augustin Gustin of Belgium in six and Toni Gruber decisioned Emil Zangl in four (all cruiser bouts). Helmut Hoehmann nodded Heinz Gorczyza in a welter six.

Busto Arsizio, Italy.—Young welter aspirant Angelo Idi battered Luciano Mosconi into retirement in the fourth round. In Milan's Teatro Principe, Felice Gallo nodded Mario Rosellini in a lightweight eight. Piero Rollo whipped Garutti in a flyweight eight. Mario Scandelli halted Gianni Ferrari in the third of a cruiser affair and in another lightweight battle, Giancarlo Garbelli dumped Enzo Ganadu for the full count in round five.

Lausanne, Switzerland.—Mario Salvoldi got the verdict over the Spanish middle, Manuel Quintana, in eight heats. Andrien Gomis, Portuguese lightweight, nodded Alvaro Dalla Lucche in six. Giovanni Paini, Italian lightie, bested Boris, of France, in a good ten-rounder.

St. Nazaire, France.—Charles Colin, pretender to French cruiser honors, submitted Giuliano Pancani, Italy, to a rude pasting and won handily over ten rounds.

Paris.—At the Stadium Edmond Moletto beat the Spanish bantam bulldog, Jesus Rubio ten rounds. In another bantam struggle, over six heats, Moncef Fehri of Algeria and Pierre Jean shared the decision, whilst Desmeules outfought Jo Perez in a feathers eight.

Paris.—A large crowd filled the Mutualite to see Gilbert Lavoine get his long-deserved crack at the European welter title, now vacant. His bout with Cliff Curvis was most disappointing. The Welshman dropped Lavoine in the second and had the Frenchman in a bad way, but failed to follow up. Lavoine recovered and returned the fire. Thenceforth it was a hugging match. Curvis got a public warning in the eighth and was finally disqualified in the tenth.

Mohamed Chickaoui was lucky to get the verdict over the strong Spanish feather, Manolo Garcia, in ten, and André Valignat was likewise favored by the judges, who gave him the nod over the aggressive Parisian bantam, Georges Ionescu, also in ten. Jacques Lesseine, Belgian feather, stopped Jean Podevin in the fourth and Jacques Krill trimmed René Valignat in a lightweight six.

Marseilles, France.—Louis Carrara copped René Cuilleries with some heavy rights which dropped the local lightie a couple of times during the seventh frame, whereupon Cuilleries' corner threw in the towel. Sauveur Chiocca gained another success, winning over the local lightweight hope, Julien Staccini, in eight.

Rotterdam, Holland.—At the Rivierahall, Frits van Kempen got the better of Sochir Cheraka in a welter ten, and young Leen Jansen outpointed Roland Romano, Tunisian middle, in eight.

Paris.—At the Central,—Rene Lacaze dropped Robert Di Mayo, the tough Corsican lightie, in the tenth and went on to gain a clear points win. At the Stadium, Yves Husson drew with Juan Rofas in a feathers ten. Mario Ciccarelli continued his run of triumphs when he outscored at St. Etienne, the Parisian lightweight king, Guy Garcia, over ten hard sessions.

Paris.—Serge Barthelemy beat young Germinal Ballarin and Barthelemy won this middleweight ten by quite a margin. René Weissman stopped Bachir Boukalfa in the second of a welter melee, and Simon Kalla iced D'Alessio in the fifth of a cruiser slam. Jacques Legendre drew with strong Henri Authier in a feathers ten full of action.

Caen, France.—The fair Norman middle, Marcel Assire, scraped through with a narrow verdict over the Tunisian, Tino Albanese, in ten rounds.

Arezzo, Italy.—Mario D'Agata, deaf-and-dumb bantam, was declared winner over the Monaco warhorse, Edmond Moletto, in ten rounds, and Ilario Tanelli gained the nod against French negro Arthur Emboulé, in a bantam eight.

DURBAN, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

By Leonard Neill

EUROPEAN boxing here has been at a standstill. Cape Town's Sydney Beck—he could double for Mickey Rooney any day Hollywood needs a double—has big plans for the new welterweight sensation, Eddie Thomas. Further up coast in Port Elizabeth, Scotty Dickeos is planning for that city's great middles hope, Jimmy Elliott. In Durban, Topper Brown has plans for near future dates while Maurice Smith hopes to import Wale's ageless wonder, Tommy Farr, for a series of Winter bouts.

A great performance by African bantamweight David Gogotya in trouncing Indian Shaik Osman in a colorful ten rounder in Durban's City Hall, established Vic Toweel's former spar mate as a fighter to be reckoned with. Gogotya learned plenty from Toweel and used it to advantage in overwhelming Osman.

Joe Maseko, recently returned from England, turned in a mediocre performance against novice Zak Mkwananzi, stopping the latter in the fifth. Kid Madaos ko'd Henry Ambrose in five, (bantams). Sonny de Vries outscored Kid Alphews in a feather six and Dicky Pillay ko'd Young Gobie in a flyweight bout.

The programme, promoted by M. R. Maistry, was a big success.

Recently returned from England is Promoter Seaman Chetty, who journeyed over in company with lightweight Homicide Hank Maklo. Chetty was impressed by the qualities of Sammy McCarthy, Hector Constance and Yolande Pompee, now in England.

Benny (Quality) Singh's welterweight champion, Les McKenzie, is going great guns in England. Will Benny please communicate with this scribe at 48 Anerley Road, MORNINGSIDE, Durban. Your address has been lost.

NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

EARLS COURT.—The main event at Jack Solomons' promotion on March 17, came sadly unstuck, when Walter Cartier (U.S.A.) 159½, was disqualified in the second round of his contest with Randolph Turpin (British and Empire middleweight champion), 160¾, after being warned five times for persistent holding. Then the fireworks started, for Cartier and his brother Vince both disputed the verdict. Walter by tearing into Turpin and trying to continue the fight, and Vince by demanding loudly from referee Tommy Little just what he thought he was doing. When Cartier was finally torn away from Turpin, he stalked around the ring in a tantrum, kicking the ropes and gesticulating wildly, a display which, even in view of his obvious disappointment was inexcusable.

The bout began very tamely with Cartier obviously tense and taut, and everytime that the two fighters would close, he grabbed Turpin's arm and held on for dear life. The warnings came fast and furious and after the same tactics carried on into the second round, Referee Tommy Little disqualified him him . . . a most unfortunate occurrence but a proper one. Cartier was to blame for the entire fiasco.

The aftermath of the Randy Turpin—Walter Cartier "fiasco" at the Earls Court was the meeting of the Stewards of the British Boxing Board of Control. . . . Cartier—Brother Vincent, who was his chief second, Dave Edgar, his representative in Great Britain, Promoter Jack Solomons and Referee Tommy Little, all appeared before them. After deliberating for two hours, their decision was that Walter Cartier be fined the sum of £1,000 ($2,800) for persistent holding, after he had received five clear warnings from the referee, and his boxing license was suspended for three months for the disgraceful scene he caused in the ring after the referee's decision. . . . The Stewards wish it to be put on record, that Randolph Turpin should be commended for his restraint, when attacked by Cartier, after the decision had been announced.

Yolande Pompee (Trinidad), 169¾, was very lucky to get the decision from Jimmy Slade (U.S.A.), 173¾, after ten hard rounds, for in this writer's opinion Slade had done more than enough to warrant the nod. . . . Sammy McCarthy, Stepney), 128¼, stopped Louis Cabo (featherweight champion of Belgium), 128, in the eighth round, but showed that he still has loads to learn. . . . Hector Constance (Trinidad), 146¾, outpointed Israel Boyle (Nigeria), 145¾, over eight rounds. The verdict met with a mixed reception. . . . Wally Beckett (Carshalton), 162, ran into some good luck too, when after being behind on points to Duggie Miller (South Africa), 161¼, the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eyebrow in the fifth. . . . Fred Powell (Walworth), 196, won from Jack McVicar (Scotland), 199½, the latter being disqualified in the fifth for rabbit punching. . . . Leslie McKenzie (South Africa), 145¾, outpointed Terry Ratcliffe (Bristol), 145¾, over eight rounds.

BLACKPOOL.—Alby Tissong, the South African featherweight, chalked up another victory when he knocked out Jackie Turpin (Leamington) in the second round. . . . Stan Parkes (Birmingham) outpointed Dan Collie (Nigeria) over eight rounds of a lightweight bout.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Bernard Fairbanks (Stoke) gained a points win over Hugh Mackie (British Guiana) after eight rounds of a featherweight bout. . . . Ken Regan (Blackpool) stopped Ray Anderson (Carlisle) in the seventh round of a welterweight contest.

DERBY.—Jimmy Brogden (Manchester) stopped Laurie Buxton (Watford) in the fifth round. . . . Sandy Manuel (Nigeria) stopped Johnny Hudson (Covent Garden) in the fourth round of a lightweight bout.

HAVERFORDWEST.—Nick Fisher (Nantymoel) stopped Wally Curtis (London) in the fifth round of a cruiserweight bout. . . . Doug Greenway (Cardigan) knocked out John Saunders (Carmethen) in the first round of a lightweight contest.

WALWORTH.—Harry Ramsden (Brixton) outpointed Billy Connolly (Liverpool) over eight rounds of a featherweight contest. . . . Jackie Summerville (Greenwich) outpointed Rolly Blyce (Trinidad) over eight rounds of a featherweight bout. . . . Eddie Hearn (Battersea) gained a points win over Dinny Powell (Walworth) in a six-round heavyweight contest.

GLASGOW.—Referee Peter Muir of Glasgow pulled "a boner" when he raised the hand of Stan Rowan (Liverpool) at the end of the ten-round contest with Peter Keenan of Glasgow. After leaving the ring, the referee realized that he had made a MISTAKE, and returned to the center of the ring and raised the hand of Keenan as the winner, and after that every one went home happy, except Rowan and his supporters. . . . Jim Kenny (Polmont) outpointed Lou Jacob (Belgium) over eight rounds of a featherweight contest. . . . Danny Harvey (Glasgow) outpointed Harold Cramer (Doncaster) over eight rounds of a welterweight bout. . . . Tommy McGuinness (Wilshaw) outpointed Billy Cobb (Chesterfield) over six rounds of a lightweight bout.

BELFAST.—Bola Lawal (Nigeria), forced Pat Kelly (Belfast), 128¼, to call it a day in the fourth round. . . . Paddy Dowdall (Dublin), 137¾, outpointed Dan Colley (Nigeria), 136½, over eight rounds. . . . Eddie McNally (Portadown), 123, forced Dave White (Belfast), 120, to retire after three rounds.

St. AUSTELL.—Roy Coote (Falmouth), 138, convincingly outpointed Ted Ansell (Jamaica), 143, over eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Miller (Falmouth), 147, did well to outpoint Harry Legge (Bournemouth), 142, over eight rounds.

WALWORTH.—Eric McQuade (Downham), 156¾, stopped Jack Baker (Leicester), 160. The referee intervened after 2:17 of the first round. . . . Dinky White (Islington), 161¾, stopped Dick Dewhurst (Southampton), 158½, in the fifth round. . . . Al Sharpe (Belfast), 137½, outpointed Laurie Davies (Jamaica), 137½, over six rounds.

EPSOM.—Wally Beckett (Carshalton), 167½, clearly won his eight rounder with Roy Crookes (Sheffield), 170½. . . . Fred Angel (Cricklewood), 121½, stopped Clem A'Court (Morden), 119½, in the third when A'Court suffered a cut eyebrow. . . . Pat Mack (Islington), 152, and Len Gains (Hoxton), 155½, drew over six. . . . Ted Devonport (Edmonton), 136½, outscored Ken Crawley (Portsmouth), 137½, over six. . . . Derek Cook (Chelsea), 146, notched a six rounder over Ken Scammell (Wandsworth), 147. . . . Jack Koffi (Gold Coast), 140, and Tony Haines (Slough), 142, drew over six rounds.

WALSALL.—Frank Parkes (Nottingham), 134, won the Midlands lightweight championship when Stan Parkes (Birmingham), 135, was disqualified in the second round for an alleged low blow. . . . Danny Doran (Leamington), 146, outpointed Jack Guyatt (Nottingham), 142, over six. . . . Al Lindon (Brownhills), 129, won over Horace Wilson (Nottingham), 128½, over six. . . . Ken Gardner (Newport), 180, and Bob Couttie (Frimley), 175½, drew over six rounds. . . . Philip Edwards (Cardiff), 143, outpointed Ken Ashwood (Derby), 144, over six.

SPALDING.—Len Jarvis (Norwich), 160, knocked out Jeff Wells (Manchester), 160, in the first round. . . . Fred Peters (Nottingham), 176, knocked out Bert Nixon (Norwich), 166, in the second. . . . Roy Taylor (Nottingham), 118, outscored Ken Howard (Bilborugh), 122, over six. . . . Denny Thomas (Burton), 138, outpointed Danny Sharp (Nottingham), 136½, over six. . . . Doug Lewis (Nottingham), 127½, outpointed Gerry Futter (Lincoln), 129, over six.

WEST HAM.—Solly Cantor (Canada), 137½, outpointed Tom Bailey (Liverpool), 136½, over eight rounds. . . . Jack Thornbury (Covent Garden), 148¾, outpointed Patsy Gutteridge (Bow), 149, over six. . . . Terry Murphy (Hoxton), 137½, outpointed Arthur Carrington (West Ham), 138½, over six. . . . Albert Carroll (Bethnal Green), 146, won from Bobby Baker (Rhodesia), 143, over six. . . . Jack McVicar (Greenock), 199, and Simon Templar (Jamaica), 224, drew over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.—Roy Agland (Welsh middleweight king), 158¼, stopped Tom Johnston (Belfast), 157, in the seventh. . . . Pat McCarthy (Birkenhead), 127, knocked out Haydn Jones (Welsh featherweight champion), 125, in the fourth. . . . Dave Underwood (Plymouth), 146, stopped Johnny Brannigan (Glasgow), 147, in the fourth. . . . Derek Molloy (Rhyl), 156, knocked out Arthur Pennington (St. Helens), 154, in the third. . . . Matty Campbell (Birkenhead), 128, knocked out Percy James (Southport), 127, in the second.

BLACKPOOL.—Al Brown (British Guiana), 137¾, was a very unlucky boxer when he faced Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa), 138. The bout terminated within 95 seconds of the first round when Brown received a badly cut eye. Another contest ended with a cut eye in the sixth round, when the referee halted Tommy Blears (Atherton), 127, and his opponent, Andy Monahan (Stockport), 127, was declared the winner. . . . A cut eye also ended the contest with Freddie Bancroft (Cockermouth), 131, the winner over George Lavigne (Bolton), 128. Lavigne had to quit in the fourth round. Frank Wigan, 156, won on points over Ed Wilton (Golborne), 159, over six rounds.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(Month Ending April 15, 1953)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Williams (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)
2. Ansel Adams (T)	Yolande Pompee (T)	Wally Beckett (E)	Cliff Curvis (W)
3. Earl Walls (C)	Dennis Powell (W)	Duggie Miller (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
4. Don Cockell (E)	George Walker (E)	Gordon Hazell (E)	Leslie McKenzie (SA)
5. Tommy Farr (W)	Albert Finch (E)	Joe Maseko (SA)	Peter Fallon (E)
6. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Al Allotey (WA)	Al Bourke (A)	Israel Boyle (WA)
7. Frank Bell (E)	Dave Williams (W)	Joe Munro (SA)	Wally Thom (E)
8. Reg Andrews (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Eddie Thomas (SA)
9. Paddy Slavin (I)	Garnett Denny (I)	Alfie Sands (A)	George Kapeen (A)
10. Fred Powell (E)	Brian Anders (E)	Bruce Crawford (E)	Terry Ratcliffe (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
Frank Johnson (E)	Roy Ankarah (WA)	Jimmy Carruthers (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
Armand Savoie (C)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Vic Toweel (SA)	Terry Allen (E)
Georgie Dunn (C)	Ronnie Clayton (E)	Peter Keenan (S)	Jimmy Pearce (E)
Joe Lucy (E)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Hogan Kid Bassey (WA)	Eric Marsden (E)
Tommy McGovern (E)	Benny Chocolate (WA)	Mannie Francis (WA)	Vic Herman (S)
Ivor Germain (BG)	Freddie King (E)	John Kelly (I)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
Frank Flannery (A)	Sammy Bonnici (E)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Joe Cairney (S)
George Barnes (A)	Charley Tucker (E)	Stan Rowan (E)	Henry Carpenter (E)
Al Brown (BG)	Tommy Miller (S)	Tommy Icke (E)	Taffy Hancock (A)
Cliff Anderson (BG)	Teddy Peckham (E)	Johnny Haywood (E)	Marcus Temple (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa.

BLACKPOOL.—Leslie Mckenzie (South Africa), 145, was in a devastating mood for his contest with Vincent O'Kine (West Africa), 147, the referee intervening during the second round, with O'Kine helpless on the ropes. . . . Tim McLeary (Wrexham), 143½, outpointed Tommy Robinson (Preston), 146, over eight. . . . Sandy Manuel (Nigeria), 137, stopped Jim McMillan (Glasgow), 135, in the fifth.

DERBY.—Tommy Higgins (Hanley), 126, boxed well to stop Eddie McCormick (Deal), 124, in the sixth. . . . Larry Parkes (Stoke), 156¾, stopped Alber Rendal (Hull), 154, in the sixth. . . . Roy Johns (Long Eaton), 144½, made an impressive debut in the professional ranks with a second round kayo over Johnny Bradford (Burton), 141½. Tommy Wilson (Belfast), 136, knocked out Johnny Duckworth (St. Helens), 126, in the sixth. . . . Peter Cardiff (Horwich), 134, outpointed Mike Hughes (Blackpool), 137, in six.

BELFAST.—Bunty Adamson (Northern Ireland welterweight champion), 148, decisively outpointed Mickey O'Niell (Belfast), 148, in ten rounds. . . . Billy (Spider) Kelly (Derry), 127¼, outscored Denny Dawson (Sheffield), 129¾. . . . Johnny Kelly (Belfast), 119, and Johnny Haywood (Nottingham), 118¾, fought a good bout for five rounds, when Haywood retired with a damaged shoulder. . . . Neville Tetlow (Manchester), 119¾, outpointed George O'Niell (Belfast), 122¾, over eight. . . . Tommy Meli (Belfast), 162¾, outpointed Ron Grogan (Paddington), 162½, over eight. . . . Al Sharpe (Belfast), 137¾, and Jackie Keough (Chester), 139¾, met over eight rounds with the nod going to Sharpe. . . . Des Lennon (Banbridge), 138½, outpointed Billy Timmins (Huddersfield), 141¾, over six rounds.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Tony Lord (Ashton), 174, outpunched and outpointed Ken Rowlands (Luton), 167½, over eight rounds. . . . Kenny Taylor (Norwich), 143½, knocked out Willie Croke (Leamington), 140½, in the third. . . . George Adams (Beccles), 151½, stopped Peter Lowe (Leamington), 148½, in the third. . . . Tommy Purcell (Newmarket), 117¾, outpointed Sid Hiom (Nottingham), 117¾, over six. . . . Ken Maynard (Stalybridge), 140, drew with Stan Webber (Paddington), over six. . . . Mickey Stazak (France), 143½, floored Gabe Fox (Gambia), 137, seven times before the referee halted the bout in the sixth.

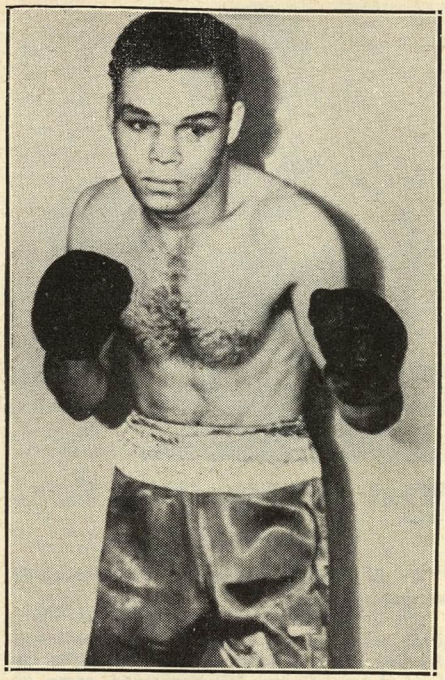
WEMBLEY.—Al Allotey (Gold Coast), 174, outpointed Dave Williams (Barry), 175, in eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Brewer (Kings Cross), 119½, outpointed Harry Alley (Paddington), 120¾, over six. . . . Ron Ball (Harrow), 145½, outpointed Ken Bebbington (West Ham), 144½, over six. . . . Malcolm Affleck (Maidstone), 165½, and Paddy O'Brien (Ireland), 168, drew over six, while Bobby Mainito (Clapham), 146, and Fred Morris (Crofton Park), 144, drew, also over six.

CROYDON.—Mark Hart (Croydon), 191¾, made a welcome re-appearance in the ring after two years retirement, and knocked out Len Johnson (Jamaica), 184½, in the sixth round. . . . Roy Holt (Ilford), 146½, outpointed Tony Haines (Slough), 140½, over six. . . . Jack Koffi (Gold Coast), 139½, outpointed Teddy Gardiner (Croydon), 142, over six. . . . Len Jones (Kentish Town), 148, and Joe White (Croydon), 148½, drew over six. . . . Wally Webb (Dagenham), 136, outpointed Jimmy Maloney (Croydon), 141, over six. . . . Vic Glenn (Stepney), 109, outpointed Alf Smith (Bermondsey), 112, over six.

MIDDLESBOROUGH. — Bruce Crawford Thornaby), 160, stopped Willie Armstrong (Edinburgh), 160, in the sixth. . . . Malcolm Pidgeon (South Bank), 147, stopped Tommy Mount (Motherwell), 146, in the third. . . . Johnny Watson (Glasgow), 138, knocked out Johnny Marshall (West Hartlepool), 140, in the second.

LEYTON.—Arthur Howard (Islington), 170, outpointed Bert Sanders (Kilburn), 165, over eight rounds. . . . Jack Armstrong (Gold Coast), 145½, stopped Johnny Fish (Harlow), 147½, in the eighth round. . . . Lew Lazar (Aldgate), 147½, stopped Jimmy Brogden (Manchester), 147¾, in the second round. . . . Tommy McCormick (Ayr), 128½, drew with Stan Merson (Willesden), 129, over six. . . . Derek Cook (Victoria), 148½, outpointed Reg Fisher (Leyton), 144, over six.

LIVERPOOL.—Allan Tanner (British Guiana), 136, stopped Mickey Flanagan (Birkenhead), 137½, in the third round, a cut eye causing the early closure. . . . Joe Bygrave (Birkenhead), 188, outpointed Hugh Ferns (Greenock), 210, over six. . . . Peter King (Manchester), 152, outpointed Tony Sharrock (Wigan), 149, over six. . . . Wally Barkess (Bolton), 130, won from Matty Campbell



Alby Tissong, South African featherweight, helped his case by snapping back into the win column with a knockout over Jackie Turpin in the second round of their bout at Blackpool.

(Birkenhead), 126, the latter being disqualified for an alleged low blow. . . . Norman Francis (Birkenhead), 143, knocked out Ted Withey (Manchester), 143, in the third.

NOTTINGHAM ICE RINK.—Tommy Farr (Welsh heavyweight champion), 205½, came to the end of a long and glorious ring career when he was stopped in the seventh round by Don Cockell (Basinstoke), 204, after being on the receiving end throughout. The contest was a final eliminator for the British heavyweight championship, held by Johnny Williams, and Cockell now goes forward as the contender. This column's advice to Tommy Farr is simple and straightforward. . . . "Tommy . . . you've been a credit to British boxing for over twenty years. Quit now; hang up your warrior's gloves and let's remember you as you were. It's tough to see you being licked by kids today who wouldn't be fit to tie your shoelaces when you wore the crown."

George Nuttall (Stockport), 211, outpointed Terry McDonald (Cudworth), 194½, over eight. . . . Ron Harman (Brighton), 208, knocked out Morry Bush (Harrow), 185, in the first. . . . Brian Anders (Brighton), stopped Bonny Foord (South Africa), 174, in the fourth. . . . Billy Cobb (Chesterfield), 137, drew with Jack Crawley (Portsmouth), 138, over four rounds. . . . Jake Tuli (British Empire flyweight champion), 114, had to be content in drawing with Robert Meunier (France), 117, over eight rounds, and should consider himself extremely lucky to be so well treated by the referee. . . . Wally Beckett (Carshalton), 162, outpointed Rocco King (Askern), 159, over eight rounds.

LIVERPOOL.—Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa), 139, knocked out Gerry Hassett (Belfast), 137¾, in the third round. Hassett was making his debut in an English ring, and he picked a tough assignment. . . . Billy Ashcroft (Wigan), 128, scored a clear points win over Pat McCarthy (Birkenhead), 127¾, after eight rounds. . . . Jim Fisher (Belfast), 120, outpointed Tommy Foss (Preston) 124, in a fast six-round contest.

NEWCASTLE.—Jake Tuli (South Africa) gained a points win over the Italian, Amleto Falcinelli, in ten rounds. . . . Johnny Mann (Birmingham) knocked out Roy Bennett (Salford) in the seventh round. . . . Micky Roche (Dublin) defeated Jimmy Quinn (Kirkintillock) on points in eight rounds. . . . Fred Peters (Nottingham) outpointed Dennis Black (Newcastle) in six rounds.

HOXTON.—Wally Mays (Hull), 148¾, won a thrilling bout from Tommy Hinson (Dagenham), 147¾, in eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Davis (Bethnal Green), 169¾, gained a very narrow points victory over Arthur Howard (Islington), 170¾, in eight hard-hitting rounds. . . . Ron Johnson (Bethnal Green), 120, drew with Jimmy Brewer (Kings Cross), 118¼, in eight. . . . Terry Murphy, 138, outpointed Ken Crawley (Portsmouth), 140, in six.

PRESTON.—Johnny Barton (Lancaster) outpointed Ron Crookes (Sheffield) in a cruiseweight bout in eight rounds. . . . Jack Baker (Leicester) knocked out Jackie Whitehouse (Birmingham) in the first round of a middleweight contest. . . .

EMPRESS HALL.—Bobby Dawson (America), 156, and Gordon Hazell (Bristol), 161, gave a duplicate performance in their ten-round return contest. . . . Hazell started off as usual with his two-fisted attack, and Dawson had his work cut out to weather the storm. Thrills galore for the customers were in store, for Dawson recovered and put Hazell down for two counts in the eighth round, the latter recovered and battled gamely to the end, with Dawson receiving a hard-earned points decision. . . .

Hogan (Kid) Bassey, the Nigerian bantamweight 120¼, who has been showing good form around Great Britain rings, was forced to retire at the end of the fifth round with a damaged hand, and his opponent Emile Chemama, of France, 117¼, was returned the winner. . . . Algar Smith (Stoke Newington), 146½, looked all over a winner against Bernie Newcombe (Dagenham), 147, but the referee at the end of the eight-round contest declared that Newcombe was the victor. Danny Hurley (Morden), 136, and Cliff Anderson (British Guiana), 136, fought a tough eight-round bout, with the former being declared a points winner. . . . Peter Toch (Balham), 183½, stopped Ben Bowden (Cricklewood), 185, in the second. Dai Dower (Newport), 111¾, stopped Ron Hughes (Romford), 114, in the second. . . . Johnny Barnham (Fulham), 118¼, and Johnny Heywood (Nottingham), 119½, fought six rounds to a draw.

It is with regret that I have to report the passing of my old friend, C. W. Herring of France, who had been writing Boxing for about forty years.

WILLINHALL.—Eddie Ricketts (Birmingham) forced Vic Glover (Birmingham) to retire at the end of the third round of a welterweight bout. . . . Sandy Manuel (Nigeria) knocked out Bryn Phillips (Goodwich) in the second round. . . . Phillip Edwards (Cardiff) outpointed Art Henry (Jamaica) over six rounds. . . . Bill Wooding (Birmingham) outpointed Ron Bishton (West Bromwich) over six rounds.

SPOKANE NEWS

By Donna Rhodes

HELLO Everyone—I'm back again and sure glad to be "in circulation" again as far as the fight game is concerned. I'm night-club singing weekends only now, and will have time. The Kennewick fight card of March 31 was a honey—every inch of the small arena was jammed with standees and about a hundred were turned away when the fire department closed the box-office.

In the top spot, Chico Aguilar, 150-pound switch-hitter from Kennewick, handed Wilf (Tuffy) Desjardins of Calgary an upset pasting, taking every round of the eight rounder by wide margins. Aguilar, just out of the amateurs, looks like a comer. In the semi spot, Hardrock Dave Tittman climbed off the deck twice in the first and second rounds to score a third-round TKO over Jess Wilson of Richland. They are heavyweights. A badly lacerated ear caused the attending physician to halt the bout. Though Wilson had a wide lead in the earlier rounds, Tittman was coming on at the abrupt finish. A rematch is a natural.

In supporting four rounders Snowflake Jones and Buster Kelly drew; Hal George, 147 pounds, pounded out a close decision over Norman Sesson, 150, and Indian Willie Boyd stopped Jackie Frost in the third round of a lightweight battle that was action-packed throughout. The cash award to the outstanding fighter on the card was split between two losers when the crowd voted equally on Norm Sesson and Jess Wilson to have earned the loot.

Old Tiger Fox is up and around again and visits the gym daily to watch the workouts. He was bedridden for over a year with a stroke but has recovered to the extent that he gets around with a cane, but will never regain his speech. He is well cared for and enjoys mail which will reach him promptly if addressed in my care, which incidently will reach me at the club address, 410 West Riverside—See you next month, lads. . . .

Read the July Ring for Complete Coverage of Marciano-Walcott Fight

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

OUR world and Empire bantam champion, Jimmy Carruthers, did it again, as everyone in Australia expected. If Vic Toweel had won the return bout, it would have been an upset, so far as Australia is concerned. Yet most, if not all, South African sports writers tipped Viccie to win. They take some convincing!

Jimmy's trainer, Billy McConnell, named the round. When I asked him if the fight would last seven rounds, he replied: "It will end in the tenth, Ray. Toweel will be expecting Jimmy to rush him, but we have other plans. Jimmy will soften him up for nine rounds, then finish him in the tenth." Bill is some prophet, but then he knows the capabilities of his fighter.

Tommy Burns is resuming his career. In other words he is on his second comeback trail. Next month he fights junior middle, Harry Hayes, one of our best, who will test Tommy. Methinks Burns will stand the test. Burns, incidentally, is training at Langridge's Gymnasium, Australia's best. Veteran trainer, Les Abbott, is training Burns, who looks remarkably fit.

I dislike offering excuses, but in fairness to a fighter, I have to do so. So in stating that Bernie Hall was a very sick boy when he boxed George Kapeen for the vacant Australian welter title, I am stating the truth and not offering an excuse for my picking Hall to win. (I can take a loss occasionally—I've picked only four losers in the last three years.)

It was obvious from the opening gong that Hall was not himself. A stylish boxer with a punch, Bernie was slow and tense. The only highlight came in the eighth round when Hall caught Kapeen with a snappy double and had him almost out on the ropes. Bernie went on with it and rained punches on the defenseless George for a minute. But most of the blows were scrambled and instead of stepping back to measure his opponent, Hall moved in. Finally, in sheer exhaustion, Hall fell on Kapeen and they both went over the second rope onto the apron of the ring. Referee Vic Patrick applied a count on both. Hall climbed in at four and stood up, Kapeen followed on his hands and knees and was on his knees in the ring at eight when the bell sounded.

Kapeen was the fresher of the two as the ninth opened and, in the tenth, Hall just stood in the ring centre, flat-footed, with arms near his head while he took everything Kapeen had to offer. Patrick stopped it.

It was revealed later that Hall had been sick for a fortnight (which nobody doubted while watching his lethargic display) and had gone on in order to "keep faith with the public and the promoters". Actually, he would have kept better faith had he withdrawn from the bout.

Kapeen boxed well and was well in front when the end came. Nevertheless, I think Tommy Burns will once again wear the welter crown when he tackles George (the match has not been made yet) and will stop Kapeen.

A couple of weeks before beating Hall, Kapeen clashed with Harry Hayes at Leichhardt. Harry received a very disputed decision on points.

I was right about Trevor King. He beat Bluey Wilkins, but unfortunately Bluey suffered an eye injury in the fourth round. King was well in front when the end came and would be odds on to beat Wilkins in a return.

Welter Leo Brennan, a stablemate of King (Billy Lawrence holds the reins), is a boy for whom I have long predicted big things. He leaped right into the spotlight by beating middleweight prospect, Bill Larrigo, on points at Sydney. Bill's trainer, Bede Kerr, walked out after the bout. Said Larrigo had skipped a couple of days training for the fight. However, Kerr and Larrigo healed the breech and are together again. Larrigo is a natural champion if he can acquire polish and discipline.

Number one lightweight contender, Pat Ford, did not even have a workout when he disposed of Irishman Joe McEntee in a couple of minutes of the first round. Pat has now won 14 of his 16 fights by the short route.

Alfie Sands had an easy time in Newcastle by demolishing Jack McIvor in three rounds. Then he saddled up a couple of weeks later in Melbourne and easily outpointed Bobby Greville. McIvor, in turn, journeyed to Albury and skittled Bruce Hardy in four heats.

Pran Mikus, Victorian welter champ, got his revenge on West Indian Ivor Germaine in Melbourne by stopping him in nine rounds. However Ivor hurt his potent weapon—his left duke—in the second round.

Jackie Ryan and Dave Landers were at it again during the month. These two toss the Queensland lightweight title back and forth like a medicine ball, and their contests, although scheduled 15-round affairs, usually finish around the half-way mark. This time Dave handed the title back to Jackie, who loaned him the crown twelve months ago, in the eighth round.

Former amateur lightweight champion, Norm Jones, made his professional debut at Leichhardt, by knocking out Kev Caltaux in six rounds. Jones, who broke his amateur bond, imposed when he repped at the Olympic Games, impressed greatly. He is managed by Ron Casey.

Young Harold Piper, bantamweight, impressed by outpointing experienced Vince Blake at Albury. Two days later Vince journeyed to Brisbane, where he was knocked out by bantam prospect Alan Landers in five frames.

Also in Brisbane, Queensland bantam and feather champion, Bobby Sinn, disposed of another good bantam in Bullant Sims, in four rounds.

Welter Billy Peters is moving around. He had two fights during the month, preparatory to tripping overseas. He lost a close one to comer Billy Boyce in Lithgow, and drew with thumper Billy Stewart at Young.

Ron Varcoe and Ken Wenman, two feathers, made the feathers fly at Leichhardt. Varcoe copped the pat; Wenman did not agree with the verdict and knocked Varcoe down after the decision was given.

Ken Brady, heavy from Melbourne, is in New Zealand. Lost on points over there to Chubb Keith, light-heavy champ of the Shaky Isles, but outpointed heavy champion Don Mullett.

Bert Hornby, a useful welter on the way up, outpointed Darcy Wells at Leichhardt, then drew with Alfie Clay.

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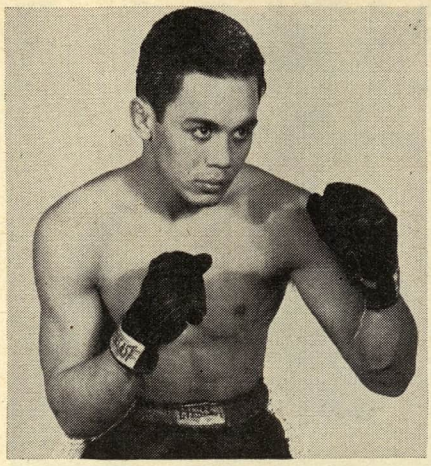

What Are They Doing Now?
Jose Cardenas

At 27, Jose Cardenas is a retired ring veteran.

His career as an amateur began in April, 1945, when he was 19; he had 16 bouts and his first pro battle was on the card of the Joe Louis-Arturo Godoy ND ten-round scrap at "Plaza de Toros"—a bull ring in Mexico City—on Feb. 7, 1947. Cardenas took part in 60 pro contests.

Born in Vera Cruz, on April 13, 1926, his family moved to Tlalpam—a suburb of Mexico City—when he was ten. A high school graduate, he boxed throughout Mexico; then decided to study law.

Late in 1950, he gave up fisticuffing, returned home and began to work his way through the Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales," in Mexico City. Jose married "the girl he left behind", and they now have two children. He graduated on Nov. 20, 1952, and is working hard to become a successful lawyer.

NOTES FROM BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

TUCUMÁN.—Rufino Farias, 155, gained a points victory over Alberto Aguirre, 164, after ten rounds. Pipin Pereyra, 148, easily defeated Jose Levante, 146, in two rounds.

Rio Cuarto.—Angel Olivieri, 138, KO'd Hector Salguero, 140, in ten. Salguero was floored twice.

San Martin.—After a three years layoff the strong boy, "Tank" Cerrutti, outpointed in a hard ten rounder Eduardo Diaz.

Lujan.—Juan C. Gonzales, 132, KO'd Jose Nicolosi, 134, in seven and Americo Capitanelli, 202, drew with the Italian, Renato Anillo, 195.

Antonio Diaz, 164, in a return bout again defeated on points Juan C. Zalazar, 160, in twelve rounds. Angel Leyes outpointed in ten rounds Luis Fuentealba (Chilean), both lightweights.

Babilonia Stadium.—Undefeated Cirilo Gil, 146, added a new victim in his busy career. This time it was Chilean "Cloroformo" Valenzuela, 146, KO'd in six.

Luna Park.—"Mickey" Pierucione, 127, showed to the fans his steady progress by kayoing Luis Olea, 125, in just three rounds. Jose Madariaga, 132, outpointed Bartolome Sanchez, 135, who had been undefeated.

Luna Park.—Julio Dartuqui, 141, drew with Donato Castillo, 149, in hard bout, and the Spaniard, Valdez, 145, drew with Manuel Martinez, 145, who was undefeated. Fernando Abaca, 145, KO'd Ismael Guevara in the third. A fine performance considering Guevara's worth.

Quilmes.—Jose Alvarez, 150, outpointed Baby Tigre, 148, in an interesting ten rounder. Rogelio Andre KO'd Roberto Castro in the opening frame.

Mar del Plata.—Antonio Cuevas, 162, outpointed Antonio Mommes, 165, in a thrilling ten-round bout.

Lanues.—Alcidez Cliso, 149, and Alviro Tozzi, 147, drew again.

Rosario.—Oscar Pitta, 144, KO'd Antonio Morfi, 145, in three rounds. Morfi was floored several times in the second round, being saved by the bell.

Luna Park.—Eladio Herrera, 160, former Olympic Game's representative of Argentina, made his pro debut. In ten well disputed rounds he outpointed Miguel Luchesi, 165. Ricardo Gonzales, 127, again defeated Juan Cruceno.

Tucumán.—Pedro Cuevas, 158, defeated Alberto Aguirre, 164, on points over ten rounds.

Lomas.—"Remolino" Romano, 147, scored a points win on Alfredo Aguiler, 150.

Cordoba.—Marcelo Tejero, 130, outpointed Humberto Salguero, 131, over ten.

Luna Park.—A two-main bouts card drew a packed stadium. In the first, Panamanian Frederick Thompson, 144, defeated Cecilio Niz, 148. Niz went to the resin several times in the sixth and his towel was skied when the bell sounded for the seventh. Oscar Pita, 146, a promising youngster, scored a new triumph, adding to his belt the scalp of Adolfo Igriega, 147.

Hurlingham.—Ramon Veron, 142, defeated Walter Suarez, 148, in six rounds.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

PANAMA staged its amateur championship bouts under the direction of Gil Gonzalo Garrido, of the National Department of Physical Education, and promoted by the Colon Amateur Commission with Federico Fong, president. All bouts were thrillers. Of the nine Panama Provinces, four took part—Panama, Colon, Chiriqui and San Blas.

Those crowned titleholders are: Angel Cedeno, 105 pounds; Alberto Jetada, flyweight; Alberto Toto Ibarra, bantam; Rafael Brathwaite, feather; Jose Edwin, lightweight; Luis Samuels, welter and Ernesto Clark, middleweight.

The sub champions are Tito Morris, 105 pounds; Ruben Andrada, fly; Arias Mendez, feather; Roberto Murillo, bantam; Santiago Maynard, light; Harcourte Jones, welter.

BOXING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS
By Harlan Haas

DURING March five shows were staged by Ralph Smith in Houston, four at his Ringside Club, and one at the City Auditorium. One show was also held in nearby Angleton, Texas.

Ringside Club, Houston.—On March 3, Vince Bonamo, New Orleans youngster, was brought in to test Houston's fine young prospect, Lorenzo Garcia, and came out on the short end. Hustling Garcia punched too fast and too often for Bonamo, and took the unanimous decision in the featured six. Garcia came in at 132, while Bonamo scaled 135.

The co-six was a slam-bang affair between Stan Jones, 160, Houston, and Joe Dorsey, 163, New Orleans. Both boys drew blood in the first round, and battled furiously for the remaining five rounds. The bout was declared a draw. Gene Hill, 157, Houston, gained the nod over Waddell Brown, 159, Houston. Roy Hernandez, 125, Houston, a good prospect, stopped Baby Casanova (Pete Linariz), 124, Houston, in three. Duke Smith, 180, Houston, trimmed Bill Leonard, 190, Bryan, in the curtain raiser.

Angleton, Texas.—Before a sparse gathering Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 155, drubbed Vince Mazac, 158, in the top six. Both boys from Houston, Henry Luera, 124, Houston, took the nod over rugged Jimmy Kinnard, 132, Houston, in a bruising six rounder. In fours, Duke Smith, 180, Houston, defeated middleweight Billy Trero, 160, Houston. Huey Deville, 162, Monroe, La., lost to Terry Smith, 150, Detroit, and in the curtain raiser, Carl Foy, 147, Houston, walloped experienced John Gibson, 140, Houston, to keep rolling along undefeated.

City Auditorium, Houston.—Ralph Smith, veteran Houston promoter, went back to the City Auditorium to bring the fans thirty-two rounds of boxing, a quartet of eight rounders, featuring four of the best club fighters developed at his Ringside Club. Each bout was crammed with action, with the Capitano-Trevino bout the headliner—New Orleans Italian welterweight, Johnny Capitano, 146, and the aggressive fiery Latin, Roger Trevino, 145, Houston. Capitano, a smooth boxer, with a fine left hand garnered the decision.

Pete Gil, 160, Austin, Texas' leading middleweight, bulled his way to a close win over Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 159, Houston, in a mauling eight rounder.

Busy little Lorenzo Garcia, 132, Houston's pride and joy, took the unanimous eight round verdict over Mike Tourcot, 132, New Orleans, in a fast bout. Stanley Jones, 160, Houston, and Joe Dorsey, 162, New Orleans, ended in the fifth round when Jones threw a terrific right hook to the solar plexus of the fast tiring New Orleans boy, and he crumpled to the canvas to be counted out. Jones also had Dorsey on the canvas in the third from a right to the button for a nine count.

Ringside Club, Houston.—The main event scheduled for eight rounds was all over in 1:40 of the first round when Tobe Harris, 158, the barefooted belter from Cut and Shoot, planted a right to the whiskers of one Glen "Red" Smith, billed out of Springfield, Ohio. It was the country bopper's first scrap since he lost via a TKO to Pete Gil, due to a cut eye.

Billy Trero, 160, Houston, stopped game Huey Deville, 165, Monroe, La., in three. Wendell "Rocky" Romair, 140, Houston, kayoed Terry Smith, 141, Detroit, in the fourth, after dropping the first two rounds. Romair has a roughhouse style, and is a crowd pleaser.

Barney Shelby, 147, Corpus Christi, caught a terrific right-hand wallop to the button thrown by the veteran Pete Sanchez, 150, Houston, and the lights went out after 1:30 of hostilities.

In the curtain raiser, Louis Arriola, 150, Houston, rocked Tony Gonzales, 147, Houston, to sleep in the first round.

Ringside Club, Houston.—The top six saw Lorenzo Garcia, 131, Houston, gain a unanimous decision over hometown rival Henry Luera, 127, Houston, in a fast bout. As in his other local fights Garcia smply threw too much leather for his opponent.

Rocky Romair, 144, Houston, defeated trial horse Pete Sanchez, 145, Houston, in six. Both boys threw caution to the wind, and bombs at each other.

Carl Foy, 145, Houston, needed only 57 seconds of the first round to flatten Delvin Williams, 142, Navasota. In the opener, Waddell Brown, 160, Houston, was declared the winner when Mack Charles, 156, Houston, was unable to come out for the third round.

Ringside Club, Houston.—The largest crowd of the month gathered at Ralph Smith's Ringside Club, to witness Tobe Harris and Tino Longoria in twin main goes. Harris, 158, Cut and Shoot, won a close one over Billy Trero, 160, Houston, in the top six. Trero was down in the first round, and Harris was dropped in the third for the first time in his pro career of six months. It was a pleasing scrap between the two lanky middleweights.

The co-six brought toegther Tino (The Bull) Longoria, 160, Houston, and southpaw Billy LeBlanc, 162, New Orleans, in a savage fought contest. LeBlanc was the winner.

Don Parks, 157, Alvin, made his pro debut by stopping Frankie Wallace, 152, Houston, in two. Parks, a regional Golden Glove champion, looked very promising. Keep your eye on this boy. Otho Sligar, 140, Houston, punched out a win over Joe Valdez, 138, Houston, and Roy Hernandez, 128, fought to a draw with R. F. Henry, 129, Orange, for the second time.

Anyone desiring information on boxing in Houston can contact the writer at 4903 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas. Club fighters could do okay for themselves in fights at City Auditorium, especially middleweights.

Houston fighters appeared in out of town bouts as follows:

At New Orleans, La.—Roger Trevino lost in eight to Willie Pastrano in a welterweight scrap. Pat Patterson dropped a four rounder to Frankie Speed, lightweights. Henry Luera trimmed Doug Elwood in four, featherweights.

At Monroe, La.—Roy Hernandez kayoed Goat Jones in three, featherweights.

At San Antonio.—Tino Longoria decisioned Dennis Woodbury in six, middleweights.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

JOEY MAXIM suffered his first knockdown in seven years when he lost to Danny Nardico in Florida, a fight which Tom Ephrem told you about in the last issue.

Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus promoters are busy arranging their schedules for the Spring and Summer. Those who wish to fight in these localities and are not under contract, contact the writer.

Commissioner Abe Greene warned the various commissions that unless they take over the control of television by forcing the sponsors to play ball with the legislating bodies, there soon won't be any boxing at all because more and more clubs are closing their doors. Yes, Commissioner, twelve clubs had shut down in our vicinity due to television.

Though Jim Jeffries lived almost all his life in Los Angeles or its vicinity, he was born in our state, in Carroll, Ohio. Ohio mourned his passing at the age of 77.

It is astonishing how little regard some promoters have for the public. Take the case of Bobby Dykes, a ranking middleweight. He was pitted against Dick Vess who has been idle for almost three years due to Army service, and Dick was kayoed in the fifth round. Dykes certainly should be picking sturdier opponents since he is a top ranking fighter.

Fighters passing through Ohio can stop off at Columbus for some training. We have a fine gym here.

Frankie Favaro of Akron is a fine prospect. A Favoro vs. Ron Delaney fight would be a natural here.

Ron Delaney stopped Jimmy Burke of Milwaukee in the eighth round at the Armory here after giving the victim a shellacking. Bobby Lee, the Fighting Clown, scored a unanimous decision over Joey Greenwood of Akron. They are welters. Lee, who previously was a close loser to Delaney, showed pretty good fighting qualities.

The big surprise was the defeat of K.O. King by Frankie Favaro, the latter scoring a kayo in the eight and final round. The fans who attended Promoter Heath s show were well pleased with his offering and voted Favaro's showing the best of the evening.

Pat (Spunky) Lowry made it two in a row when he stopped Tommy Leedle of Detroit in the second heat. The bout drew 12,000, the biggest turnout. Their second fight in the spacious Detroit Field House drew 10,124 fans and a gate of $17,183.

At Detroit on March 12, Lowry's string was broken when he lost to Pat Manzi in Detroit. Lowry was down several times and in bad shape from punishment. Manzi's victory was well received. It was an excellent fight.

Pat Cleary, Toledo middleweight, looked good in winning from Davie Anderson in four rounds. It was Anderson's first pro fight.

Sid Goldberg, Ohio's ace promoter, is seeking to get Archie Moore and Harold Johnson in a world title bout with the light-heavyweight crown at stake. Such a fight would be well supported in Ohio.

Andrew Cox, former amateur from Cincinnati, now with the Marines at Adak, Alaska, won the welter championship of the 17th Naval District on March 5. Andrew possesses a wallop.

Dic Vess, who was stopped at Corpus Christi by Bobby Dykes, lost another, this time on March 19, when he was stopped in 1:47 of the opening round by Chuck Coleman, of Detroit on the Pfeiffer Brewing Co. show.

Harold Johnson copped the duke over Gilliam of Newark, N. J., in a ten rounder at Toledo, on July 21.

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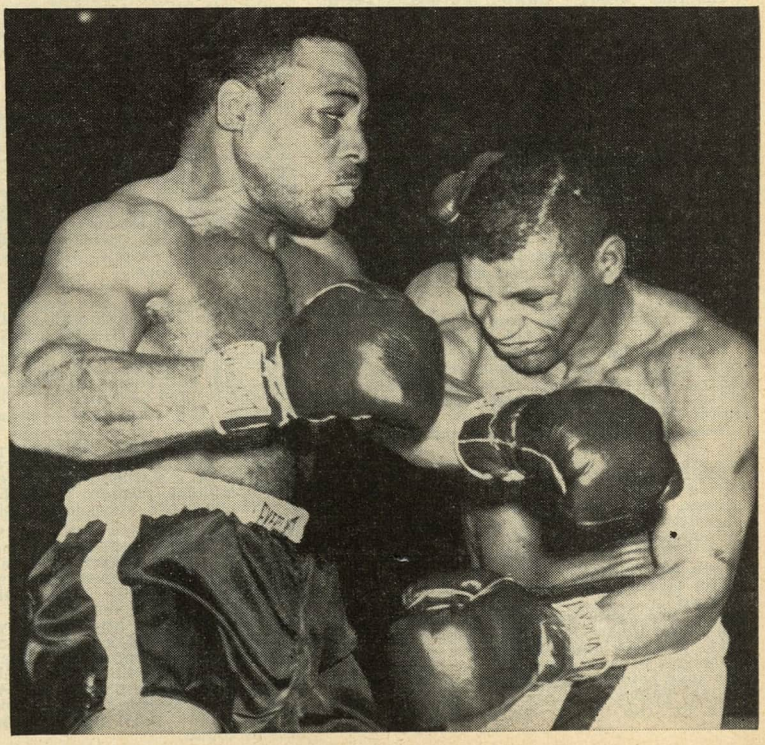


A nationally televised show in which Bill Gilliam (left) and Harold Johnson fought the main event in Toledo. Johnson won the verdict in 10 rounds.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr. Jose A. Vieites

HAVANA.—Before a crowd that paid $6,337.50, Antonio (Puppy) Garcia, 123¾, scored another KO, this time over Mexican bantamweight champion, Edel Ojeda, 125¾, rated by THE RING among the world's best bantams.

Puppy, one of Cuba's best looking prospects in a long time, and a fighter likely to get international class sooner than expected, turned in a wonderful performance.

Puppy dropped Ojeda twice in the first, with a right, and then a left to the body. In the second the Mexican again twice kissed the canvas, and in the third was badly bleeding from the nose. In the fifth, the Mexican again visited the floor, and after a terriffic body attack in the sixth, that left him hanging on the ropes, his manager at last decided that he had enough and didn't let hm come out for the seventh round.

Another very promising feather, undefeated Enrique Lamelas, 129½, former Olympic champion, scored an impressive KO, when he stopped Lázaro (Baby) Pijuán, after giving him a terriffic licking for five rounds. Pijuan who came in at 130¾, did not come out for the sixth. Last year Lamelas held Henry (Pappy) Gault to a ten-round draw, after only a few pro-fights, and when Gault came here, was twice stopped by Puppy García in Havana.

Cirilo Gómez, 156, stopped Juan Díaz, 150¾, in the sixth. Israel Anido, 117¾, drew in four with Humberto Castell, 118, and Joe Acosta, 150, stopped Rubén Alvarez, 156, in the third. Gate: $6,337.50.

Havana.—Mexican José (Baby) Vazquez, 135, proved too experienced and clever for Cándido Gonzáles, 137, and stopped him in the fifth after scoring three knockdowns.

Emilio Figueroa, 124¾, drew in ten, with Santiago Marínez, same weight. Armando Martínez, 134¾, scored a TKO in one over Antonio Lamelas, 134¼. Fernando Silva, 128¾, drew in six with Gerardo Rodríguez, 127¾, and Rolando (La Plancha) Rodríguez, 139¾, stopped Aranaldo Pedroso, 145, in the second: Gate $1,855.50.

Havana.—Veteran Diego Sosa, 131¾, was held to a ten-round draw by newcommer Cándido Gonzalez, 135, an undefeated preliminary boy.

Former featherweight champion Lino García, 128¼, was also held to a ten-round draw by newcommer Juan Martínez, 129¾, in a fast and interesting fight. The fights drew $1,823.20.

Santiago Martínez, 126, a promising feather, stopped Félix Triana, 125½, in the third. Julio Maceo, 147, drew in four with Sergio Ríos, 147¾, and Miguel Díaz, 150, stopped Modesto González, 147½, in three.

Havana.—Jesús Chico Varona, 144¼, stopped Matias Fenoy, Spain, 141¼, in the second round.

Armando Lopez, 130, stopped Raul Cachorro Herrera, 134¾, México, after scoring several knockdowns, in the seventh, of another ten.

Héctor Vento, 130, stopped Pedro Galván, 125¼, in one. Rolando (La Plancha) Rodríguez, 138½, stopped Mario Díaz, 140, in one also, and, Julio Carreras, 154, won in the four-round opener from Francisco Cifuentes, 151¾.

Gate: $2,079.10, plus Radio & TV rights.

Havana.—Manuel Perdomo, 122½ scored knockdowns in the first and again in the fifth, to clinch a unanimous ten rounder from Orlando (Babe) Echevarría, 126. A few weeks ago, they fought a draw.

Isaac Logart, 138¾, stopped Mexican Hernán (Zurdo) González, 139, in the fourth.

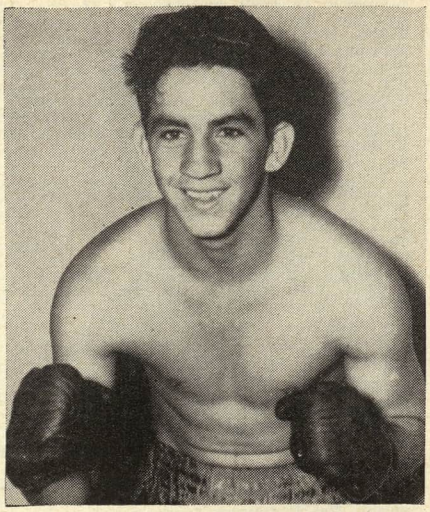
Benjamín Rodríguez, 122½, won in eight from Cecilio Fernández, same weight. Oscar Suárez, 106, won in six from Martín Alfonso, 103¼, and José Lorenzo, 120¾, kayoed Iraudi Prior, 123, in four.

Gate: $1,077.40, plus radio and TV rights.

TIMELY NEWS.—Cuba has adopted a new scoring system which won't please American fighters. Hereafter to win a fight, one of the contestants must win three rounds more than his opponent. Fights are scored on the ten-point split system, 6 to 4, 7 to 3, etc., and to win one fighter must be five points ahead of his rival, otherwise the bout is called a draw.

Only two fights were won by decisions last month and in one Perdomo scored two knockdowns over Orlando Echevarria and one of the judges voted a draw because Perdomo had only four points margin on his rival.

Nino Valdes and Omelio Argamonte will clash for the Cuban heavyweight title this month.



Henry Lamelas, a Cuban Featherweight

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramierz Aznar

ARENA "OBRERO", Torreon.—Joe Castañeda, 148, won a decision over Mario Conde, 146, in ten. Alfonso Flores, 141, TKO'd Manuel Mendoza, 134, in the fifth round. Chale Carrillo, 142, bested Arturo Estrada, 135, in eight. Jorge Valverde, 115, TKO'd Fili Garcia, 115, in the fourth round. Lucio Hidalgo, 119, and Luis Vazquez, 122, drew in four rounds.

Arena "Rosita", Torreon.—Pini Padilla, 140, decisioned Pelon Cabrera, 139, after ten rounds. Manuel Munoz, 132, KO'd Juan Bonilla, 134, in the third round. Manuel Ramirez, 117, stopped Roberto Espinoza, 112, in the first. Francisco Sanchez, 128, TKO'd Jesus Melendez, 128, in the third round. Alfredo Munoz, 112, KO'd Juan Soto, 110, in the fourth.

Arena "Bomberos", Piedras Negras.—Juan Leanos, 129, stopped Fidel Balderas, 126, in the second round.

Club "Olimpico", Durango.—Tommy Vazquez, 117, outpointed Davey Bedoya, 120, in ten rounds. Manuel Rocha, 146, KO'd Fronteras Kid, 144, in the eighth round. Hector Garcia, 133, defeated Relampago Name, 141, in eight.

Arena San Pedro, San Pedro.—Joe Castaneda, 146, beat Rendon Soto, 142, in ten rounds. Bobby Silva, 134, decisioned Salvador Davila, 145, after ten rounds. Leandro Garcia, 119, outpointed Ray Mejia, 123, in ten rounds. Felipe Sosa, 121, KO'd Dimas Espinoza, 119, in the fourth round. Lucio Hidalgo, 119, decisioned Guero Raffles, 123, after four rounds.

Arena "Obrero", Torreon.—Luis Castillo, 123, and Cesar Saavedra, 127, drew in ten rounds. Bobby Silva, 132, bested Domingo Hidalgo, 137, in ten. Leandro Garcia, 119, decisioned Mike Rosales, 128, after ten rounds. Felipe Sosa, 124, defeated Pedro Pina, 131, in six. Jesus Garcia, 123, bested Luis Vazquez, 121, in four.

Arena San Pedro, San Pedro.—Mario Conde, 147, KO'd Choforo Quezada, 148, in the fifth round. Domingo Hidalgo, 136, iced Jerson Perez, 135, in three. Rafael Vazquez, 127, bested Paco Borjas, 130, in eight. Luis Vazquez, 123, and Dimas Espinoza, 119, drew in six rounds. Joe Ledesma, 117, decisioned David Gallardo, 118, after four rounds.

Campo Deportivo, Durango.—Tomas Castillo, 128, outpointed Salvador Mares, 131, in ten rounds. Marcelino Nevarez, 121, decisioned Manuel Delgado, 124, after ten rounds. Joe Nevarez, 134, knocked out Kid Aguila, 137, in the first.

Arena "Obrero", Torreon.—Salvador Mares, 132, beat Bobby Silva, 133, in ten rounds. Leandro Garcia, 118, was most unfortunate in his scheduled ten-rounder with Tommy Vazquez, 117, for after being well ahead on points, he suffered a bad cut under his left eye in the sixth round and was forced to retire. Chale Carrillo, 145, embalmed Isaac Perez, 143, in the fifth. Jorge Valverde, 117, beat Lucio Hidalgo, 119, in six rounds. Dimas Espinoza, 119, KO'd Gildo Aguña, 119, in the second round.

Arena "Rosita", Torreon.—Angel Aldama, 121, defeated Otilio Galvan, 118, national flyweight champion in non-title ten-round event. Baby Luna, 126, TKO'd Transito Ramirez, 128, in the sixth round. Manuel Ramirez, 117, stopped Chava Banuelos, 121, in the sixth. Raton Perez, 123, TKO'd Rudy Soto, 122, in the third round. Francisco Sanchez, 130, kayoed Nacho Rosales, 132, in two.

Campo Deportivo, Durango.—Tommy Vazquez, 119, and Baby Luna, 124, drew in ten rounds. Joe Castaneda, 146, outpointed El Herrero, 148, in ten rounds. Hector Garcia, 129, stopped Chava Banuelos, 121, in the second.

Arena "San Pedro", San Pedro.—Cesar Saavedra, 130, embalmed Felix Gutierrez, 141, in the first. Ray Mejia, 123, KO'd Kid Flores, 126, in the seventh round. Chicharitos Kid, 112, decisioned Florero Valdez, 111, after eight rounds. Joe Ledesma, 119, TKO'd Gallito Hernandez, 118, in the fourth round. Chemo Escobar, 117, bested Pio Pineda, 118, in four.

Arena "Casino", Chavez.—Domingo Hidalgo, 137, defeated Canelo Kid, 141, in ten. Roberto Martinez, 143, decisioned Chino Colonia, 137, after ten rounds.

Arena "Obrero", Torreon.—Mario Conde, 146, TKO'd Rendon Soto, 145, in the sixth round and won La Laguna welterweight championship. Alfonso Flores, 139, stopped Felix Gutierrez, 141, in the third. Salvador Davila, 146, iced Choforo Quezada, 146, in two. Rafael Vazquez, 126, beat Mario Herrada, 127, in six rounds. Lucio Hidalgo, 119, outpointed David Gallardo, 118, in four rounds.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

DURING the month of March three of the local boys met boys from abroad, with happy endings for the local talent. Davey Gallardo, from California. Chu Chu Jimenez, a Mexican by birth but who lives in the U. S. and Ciro Morasen, from Cuba, faced Mexicans. The month's results follow:

Vicente Iglesias, 146, stopped Carlos Martinez, 150, in three. Pedro Garcia, 119, outpointed Babe Garcia, 114, in ten.

Baby Ortiz, 127, outpointed Davey Gallardo, 127, in ten, in a close fight. Pedro Biesca, 136, stopped Enrique Gomez, 135, in seven.

Joel Gutierrez, 127, stopped Maestrito Castro, 121, in one. Arturo Vazquez, 133, outpointed Eduardo Almazan, 134, in ten.

Emilio de la Rosa, 117, outpointed Raul Solis, 116, in ten. Rudy de Hoyos, 135, outpointed Enrique Esqueda, 135, in ten.

Chuchu Ruiz, 139, stopped Chu Chu Jimenez, 132, in seven. Luis Villa, 120, outpointed Lino Botello, 120, in ten.

Genaro Serafin, 122, outpointed Emilio Sanchez, 124, in ten. Dario Guadarrama, 138, stopped Manuel Pizaña, 138, in four.

Babe Ortiz, 127, stopped Ciro Morasen, 125, Cuba's featherweight champion, in four. Moi Torres, 126, defeated Pepe Montes, 126, by a disqualification in three.

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GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

BERLIN—A crowd of almost 7,000 packed the Sport Halle Funkturm in the west sector of Berlin and witnessed Albert Finch (Croydon) beaten but not disgraced by Germany's cruiserweight champion, Gerhard many's cruiserweight champion, Gerhard Hecht. The British boy called it a day at the end of round eight after receiving a cut right eyebrow.

Willi Hoepner (Hamburg), 79.1 kilo, Germany's No. 2 cruiser and ex-champion, met the Frenchman Joseph Roude, 78.9 and the German won in four rounds when Roude retired with an injured right eye.

Toni Gruber (Stuttgart), 79 kilo, found Erwin Zangl (Dusseldorf), 72.5, a difficult opponent but outpointed him over four rounds. Karl Ameisbichler (Austria), 79.1, outpointed the tough Bruno Junkuhn (Dusseldorf), 78.8, over six rounds.

Gunter Sladky (Dorsten), 79.6, improving with each outing, outscored the tough and game Belgium, Auguste Gustin, 79.5, over six three's. Southpaw Helmuth Hohmann (Stuttgart), 66 kilo, outpointed the thirty-three-year-old Heinz Goroyza (Berlin), 66.8, over four rounds.

Lubeck.—Auktionshalle: Before 2,000 persons Sepanion, (Iran), 60 kilo, lost on points to Bruno Walkowiake (Bremen), 58.2, in four rounds. Gerhard Moll (Braunschweig), 66.5 kilo, outpointed Jimmy Wilkins (Hamburg) in six rounds. Horst Garz (Magdeburg), 68.5, shared points with Amandus Spitzkopf (Hamburg), 59 kilo, over six rounds.

Gunter Balzer (Celle), 79 kilo, KO'd Heinz Schreiber (Erfurt), 79 kilo, in one round.

Otto Domke (Hamburg), 62.8 kilo, outpointed Ernst Kohlsaat (Kiel), 62.8, in six.

Berlin.—Ausstellungshalle: Ernst Zetzmann (Berlin), 66.2, knocked out Neskadek (Austria), 66.2, in six rounds.

Ludwig Petri (Kassel), 61.5, was outpointed by visitor Ziyiaris Taki (Turkey), 61.5, over six rounds.

Heavyweight champion of Spain, Jose Gonzales, 86.5, outpointed Heinz Titze (Berlin) 86.5, over six rounds. The bell saved the German in the last round.

In the main event, ex welterweight champion, Gustav Scholz (Berlin), 70.5, KO'd Christian Christensen (Denmark) in 10 rounds. Attendance was 5,000.

Amsterdam.—Winnfried Henne (Dusseldorf) lost on points to Charlie Anglee (USA) over six rounds. Paul Chomotowski (Hamm) lost to Jan Hagenaar (Holland) over six rounds. Lewandowski (Hamm) lost on points to Henk Klok (Holland) over six rounds.

Bologna.—Hans Friedrich (Dortmund) drew with Caviochi (Italy) over eight rounds.

Karl Bick (Dortmund) lost on points to Padovani (Italy) over six rounds. Attendance was 5,000.

Hamburg.—Ernst Merck halle: Toni Gruber (Berlin), 79 kilo, outpointed Hans Streicher (Dortmund), 73 kilo, in four rounds.

Dieter Hucks (Moers), 79.5, making a comeback, shared points with Henri Chebaut (France), 77.5, over six rounds. Gunter Sladky (Dorsten), 78.9 kilo, stopped Dominique (Belgium), 75.6 kilo, in two rounds. Degreef (Belgium), 80 kilo, was narrowly outpointed by Heinz Sachs (Krefeld), 79.5, in six rounds.

Willi Hoepner (Hamburg), 79.5 kilo, stopped Hans Strelecki (Dortmund), 79.5, in seven rounds.

Werner Weigand (Dortmund), 103 kilo, was sensationally and surprisingly KO'd by Gunter Nurnberg (Hamburg), 97.1 kilo, in seven rounds.

Wilson Kohlerecher (Osnabruck), 96.5 kilo, outpointed Hans Friedrich (Dortmund), 96 kilo, over six rounds.

Berlin: Franz Szuzina (Bremen), 73.7 kilo, outpointed the middle champion of Spain, Jose Navarro, 71.5 kilo, over six rounds.

Eupen (Dutch border).—A crowd of almost 5,000 saw Herbert Escher (Bonn), 72 kilo, lose on points over eight rounds to Horsch (Belgium).

Lisbon-Portugal.—Winnfried Henne (Dusseldorf) beat light-heavy Carlos Rocha (Portugal) in three rounds. After taking three counts in round three ROCHA called it a day.

Middle Raphael da Silva (Portugal) outpointed Walter Schneider (Germany) over eight rounds.

Coppenhagen.—European champion, Jorgen Johansen, 62.5, was clearly outpointed by the German light and welter champion Werner Handke (Berlin) over ten rounds. Johansen took four counts.

CARRUTHERS RETAINS TITLE, STOPS VIC TOWELL
By W. C. Garforth

JOHANNESBURG, S. A. (Special to THE RING).

In a return contest in which Vic Toweel, former world bantam king attempted to regain the crown he lost to Jimmy Carruthers of Australia when he was knocked out in 2:19 of the opening round here last November, 38,000 excited, highly tensed fight fans saw their idol downed again, this time in the tenth round. The battle scarred Vic was put away by the Kangaroo after a half minute of the tenth round got under way at the Rand Stadium.

The former champion was only a shadow of himself. He was as slow as a cart horse, and apart from a few occasional bursts, there was no co-ordination. Gone was the ability to slip punches and weave out of harm's way, or to pick off punches in the air. He literally walked into every punch thrown by the Kangaroo, and was a sorry sight after the first round after he had taken punishment that may have dropped a less courageous or tough opponent.

Flashes of the great Toweel were in evidence but he was too weak to keep any sustained effort. In the fifth and sixth rounds he made a supreme effort and actually showed up the champion as an unorthodox and, at times, an ungainly performer. But with all due respect to the champion, most observers agree that Toweel would have to have been at his superlative best to regain the title. Carruthers has a useful straight right, which most southpaws would give anything to possess, and it was seldom out of Toweel's face.

But the pace was telling on Toweel and in the eighth he again took some heavy punishment. He rallied towards the end of the round and had the crowd on its feet in a do-or-die attempt to unsettle the champion. The pace was terriffic and Toweel went after the Kangaroo like a tiger when he thought he had hurt him.

In the last half minute, however, Carruthers showed that he had been taking a breather and came back to score freely to the head. A dozen or more left hooks and uppercuts stopped Toweel and just before the bell sounded the end of the round the champion smashed home a sizzling left that sent Toweel back on his heels with his head high in the air.

Round nine was the one which sounded the death knell for the former champion. Carruthers came out intent on business and smashed home blows that took all the steam out of Toweel. Several times his legs buckled but back he came like the gallant fighter he has always been. But the speed at which the Kangaroo moved was too much for him and he began to wilt half way through the round.

Round ten opened with the champion streaking from his corner and meeting Toweel with a flurry of rights and lefts to the jaw. The challenger retreated to a corner where he was hammered mercilessly by the champion who knew the end was near. With the round only 21 seconds old Toweel slumped to his knees and rolled over on to his side as the referee counted him out. Carruthers was still the champion and he gave a little excited jump when it was all over.

Carruthers came in two ounces under the bantam limit with Toweel five ounces lighter.

The preliminaries follow: Jimmy Elliott, 153¾, continued his winning streak by stopping Johnny McCoy, 158¼, in the fourth round. Elliott is a good prospect and had McCoy down for four counts of nine before the referee called a halt when McCoy was down for the fifth time. Elliott is in the capable hands of Reg Haswell.

"Smiler" van Rensburg, 132¾, outpointed Bennie Nieuwenhuizen, 134¾, in a four-rounder.

Johnny van Blerk, 134, outpointed Peter Dawson, 134¾, in four rounds.

Dave Stephenson, 157¾, beat Alec Weiss, 158¾, on a TKO in the third round of a four rounder. Stephenson previously fought as a professional but had a break while completing his studies.

The Toweel-Carruthers fight set two new records. The pair drew the largest crowd ever seen at a sporting event of any kind in the country. The biggest boxing draw prior to this was for the Mills-Ralph fight. Toweel and Carruthers drew 38,000 while the Ralph-Mills affair netted 24,000.

The other record set was for the takings for a fight other than heavyweights. Tops for the fight was £5-5-0. ($14.30) and the gate was £40,000 ($109,200)—Ralph and Mills had takings of £43,000 ($117,390) and tops were £10-10-0 ($28.60).

It is expected that these records will stand for many years and are not likely to be broken until South Africa produces another Vic Toweel.

That's all folks. Those interested may contact me at 36 Saratoga Avenue, Berea, Johannesburg, South Africa.

SHORT RIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE
By Ralph P. Modder

ALEX BUXTON (London), a leading contender for Randy Turpin's British Empire title, gave away 32 pounds to Australian heavyweight Allan Williams, 192, and beat the Aussie over 10 rounds at the Happy World Arena. Williams was far too slow for the bobbing and weaving Britisher. Williams bled freely from the nose from the second round.

Sonny Chia, 121, iced Riccardo Padernal, 124, of Manila with a left hook to the bread basket in the sixth stanza. The Filipino was leading on points when the end came.

S. Dinalagi, 147, of Fiji, who is fighting Communist bandits in Malaya with the 1st Bn. Fiji Regt., proved too strong for Paul Cheng, 140. Cheng decided he had had enough at the end of the fourth. Som See, 125, beat Mel Ahmad, 122, over six; Rough Andrews, 110, bested Chu Yang Sang over four.

Mel Brown of St. Paul, Minnesota, USA, pounded out an easy 10-round decision over Fiji's heavyweight champion, Henry Bray. Brown scaled 167 and Bray 182. The American fought with an injured left hand which he received during training. Brown's faster and more accurate punching had Bray reeling at times but the Fijian came back swinging and the few times when the Fijian landed, Brown was obviously hurt.

Ricardo Padernal carried too many guns for Theo Vithood of Siam in the main supporting bout. The Manila boy was an easy winner over 10 rounds.

Ron Howell beat Som See in one round. Johnny Noble bested Fighting Jamal over six. Little Pancho beat Mel Ahmad over four. Rough Andrews bested Royal Ali over 4.

That's all for now. This writer's address is: c/o Straits Times Press Ltd., Singapore (Malaya).

FROM VIENNA, AUSTRIA
By Leo Vollnhofer

OTTO NESLADEK, Austrian welter, after a lay-off of fifteen months, tackled Ernst Zetzmann of Germany in Berlin on March 1 and was stopped in the sixth round. The loser fought a good battle up to the time of the kayo. Taki Ziyiaris, Turkish lightweight, scored another surprising victory when he defeated Ludwig Petri of Germany in eight rounds by a decision.

On March 2 at Barcelona, four Austrians were defeated in bouts with Spaniards. Taki Ziyiaris, the Turk who makes his home in Ausrtia, hitherto undefeated, was knocked out by Manuel Balfa in the third. Austrian middleweight Alfons Kubes was kayoed by A. Lopez in the third. Bert Simek, second ranking Austrian feather, lost on points in eight to Pages of Spain and Herbert Waniek of Austria lost in eight rounds to Torrecilas of Spain.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

THE second professional boxing card of the year, featuring California fighter Casey Jones, 120, and Honolulu's bantamweight Roy Higa, 120, in the ten-round main event, was staged at the Civic Auditorium. Promoted by Ralph Yempuku, the card was attractive enough to draw 2,996 fans, who paid $4,133.85 at the gate.

Casey Jones, the first mainland importation in about two years, won a unanimous decision. His hit and run tactics didn't have finesse and for the first four rounds at least he didn't land a single solid blow.

Higa suffered a gash on his forehead from a butt in the fifth round, at which point the fight was temporarily stopped. After it was resumed, for just one fleeting moment, Higa fought like he meant business when he hurled Jones to the ropes with a solid right to the body. However, Jones wasn't hurt at all and was soon fighting again in his hit and run style.

From this point on the fight was entirely Jones'. His style was boring, but it was effective and he piled up enough points to win the verdict going away.

Aladino Gusman, 137, TKO'd Freddy Gonsalves, 137, in the fifth of six. Dickie Wong, 144, won a hard earned decision over Richard Choi, 147, five rounds. Abel Donnell, 132½, won over Larry Cantiberos, 134½, in what proved to be the best fight of the evening, five rounds. Dalfus Brown, 156, won a TKO verdict over Peter Kapukui, 153½, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By Jimmy Echols

IN a ten-round bout staged at Uline's for the benefit of St. Sophia's Church, Holly Mims, 154, D. C. middleweight, in an underdog role, scored an eight-round kayo over unbeaten Willie Troy, 156½. It was Willie's first loss in 20 bouts.

Holly constantly beat Troy to the punch with a snaky left jab and hard rights.

In the eighth Mims, with a sharp right hand, dumped Troy across the ropes and onto the deck. He groggily crawled to his feet as Referee Ray Bowen counted, but Bowen noted his condition along with Troy's signal that he could not continue and the bout was over.

In a six rounder, George Tsaldaris, 193, Greek heavy from Wilmington, Del., chilled Kenny Johnson, 199, Baltimore, in the fourth stanza.

Tommy Thompson, 169, Quantico, kayo'd Calvin Price, 167, D. C., in four. Thompson dropped his man twice in the third and again in the fourth for the final blow.

Gene Gunther, 149½, Baltimore, outclassed Georgie Warner, 144, D. C., winning by TKO when the bout was stopped in the first.

Clarence Hinnant, 161½, D. C., won a unanimous four-round duke over Miller Tach, 155, Baltimore. Eddie Walters, 139, and Jimmy Maxwell, 144, fought a four-round draw. Both are local lads.

Promoter Vince McMahon boosted Gene Smith up the fistic ladder by matching him with Al Maglieri of Hartford, Conn., in Turner's bi-monthly fight card.

At the offset it appeared that it would end in the first with Smith, 127, jabbing short lefts and landing with repeated rights to the head that had Maglieri, 133, in trouble.

In the eighth, Smith slowed up Maglieri with a left to the body as a right decked Al for the count and his first kayo in a 22-bout career.

Jimmy Cooper, 127, D. C., carried too many guns for Charlie "K.O." Diggs, 130, Baltimore, and he kayoed Charlie in the first with a devastating left to the body. Clarence Hinnant, 165, went at top speed to kayo Johnny Pratt, 166½, in six. Both are local battlers. Thompson, 165, Quantico, won over Curtis Wade, 169, Baltimore, in a four. Don Oliver, 152, D. C., won a unanimous decision over Billy Hickerson, 149, D. C., in a slugging bee. The gate was $1,762.73 despite a heavy rainfall which held the crowd down. It was one of the best shows put on by the new interests controlling Turner's, Inc.

Holly Mims, 156, the local lad whom no one wants to fight, met durable Eddie Green, 162, of Kannapolis, N. C., in Turner's feature ten rounder. Mims punched the former all-navy champ from pillar to post. After a minute and 32 seconds of the ninth frame Referee Marty Gallagher stepped in to stop the contest. Green didn't win a round. Jimmy Cooper, 129, D. C., won a split six-round duke over the veteran N. Y. battler, Filberto Osario, 129.

Randy Brevard, 169, D. C., scored a TKO win, in the fourth, over Bobby Lane, 168½, Landis, N. C.

Tommy Thompson, 171, Quantico, tagged Baby Joe, 168, D. C., with hard rights to the head and when he reeled crazily across the ring, Referee Reynolds stopped it. Two local lads, Eddie Walters, 139, and Jackie Thornton, 133, battled to a good four-round draw in the opener.

D. C.'s hard hitting Pfc. Isaac Sauls, 181 pounds, defended his 1st Army heavyweight crown when he kayo'd Pfc. Hugh Strong, also from D. C., in 2:08 of the second round. Sauls is at Camp Kilmer while Strong is stationed at Ft. Monmouth.

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FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By Homer Amundsen

SGT. PAT McMURTY, United States Marines, and rated by overseas sports experts as the new Gene Tunney, has left his base in Korea for the United States. The "Fighting Marine" saw Marine service in Korea for a year. Pat won two service heavyweight titles overseas.

My Lake Patterson outdoor training camp will soon see some activity when the warmer weather rolls around. This outdoor setup will rate with any of its type in the country when present plans are complete.

Received my autographed copy of Nat Fleischer's 1953 Edition of The RING RECORD BOOK and BOXING ENCYCLOPEDIA. The 1953 Edition is the best yet.

Pierre Langlois (left), French middleweight, sends a left to the chin of Bobby Dykes during their battle at Dallas. Langlois won a unanimous decision, the first nationally TV'd bout from Texas.

The passing of James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight champion, at his Burbank, Cal. home, was a sad blow to the former champion's many friends in and out of boxing. This column conductor spent an enjoyable five hours with James J. at his large Burbank home a few years back.

Tacoma's new KTNT-TV station is now in operation, and it would not be surprising to see Tacoma's wrestling-boxing promoter, Paavo Ketonen, obtain time for screening his events over the TV hook-up.

Wilf Diamond's new volume *Blood, Sweat, and Jack Dempsey*, is a book of great interest to readers of boxing. Diamond, thereby, has added another great volume of fistic reading to his growing list of books.

Seattle is still without professional boxing. As the same condition exists in Tacoma, the same picture holds true in Seattle, no talent with enough color to attract the fancy of the railbirds. New faces with the color of the rainbow are sadly needed in these Puget Sound towns.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

THE I.B.C. fistic presentation on March 11 which was televised locally as well as nationally, pitted Cuba's Nino Valdes against the current light-heavy champ Archie Moore, who was outweighed 29½ pounds. Moore literally punched the big fellow full of holes. Valdes, who evidently has a heart as big as his body, captured the hearts of the fans with his ability to soak up leather and come back for more. There were no knockdowns but Valdes has a bad cut under the right eye.

One thing can be said for sure though and that is that Valdes did make a far better showing than did Joe Maxim when Moore defeated him for his title in a St. Louis ring not too long ago. Moore landed good left and right hand smashes to the head and body but Valdes fought back like a tiger throughout the ten rounds.

The ten rounder between Jesse Turner of St. Louis and Syl Perkins of Chicago had the 2,216 fans standing in the aisles. Turner scored a ninth round KO over the Chicago lad but suffered a bad cut under the left eye in so doing. It was a terrific and savage fight with both swinging for a knockout with every punch.

The I.B.C. matchmaker here in St. Louis, George Carson, has promised to go all out to get our St. Louisian, Jesse Turner, top billing here.

The complete results of the March 11 Arena card follows:

Archie Moore, St. Louis, light-heavyweight champion of the world, who weighed 180 for this fight, decisioned Nino Valdes, Cuba, 209½, in ten rounds. Ray Palmer, referee.

Jesse Turner, St. Louis, 154½, knocked out Syl Perkins, 159, Chicago, in nine rounds. Dick Young, referee.

Bobby Bickle, Topeka, 131½, decisioned Billy Wagner, 131½, Pittsburgh, in six rounds. Paul Spica, referee.

Billy Suddeth, Topeka, 153, outpointed James Williams, 157, Puerto Rico, in four rounds. Dick Young, referee.

Cloyed Ketcherside, St. Louis, 152, and Earl Goudeau, 148, St. Louis, fought a four-round draw. Paul Spica, referee.

Leon (Hans) Bernstein, the congenial St. Louis promoter, who has directed and promoted boxing in St. Louis rings for the past eight years, has resumed his work here. The Bernstein promotions will be held on Saturday nights and will be televised on the A.B.C. national network with the local area being blacked out. Due to the television commitments the first bout will go on at 7:30 P.M. with the feature televised at 8:00 P.M. Bernstein will present the boxing shows at the Winter Garden which is located at 520 De Baliviere Ave. The Winter Garden seats around 4,000 people. Bernstein is also contemplating running other fights on Monday nights.

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ALBERTA, CANADA NEWS
By Thomas V. Degnan

ON March 20, the Canadian Heavyweight champion, Earl Walls, terminated the main event on a Jack Berry promotion when he stopped Marvin Baker of San Francisco, in 1:40 of the first round. An overflow crowd of 3,500 saw Walls dispose of his opponent.

At the count of three, Baker rolled over onto his face and his left arm flopped over the lower strand of the ropes. He made feeble efforts to rise but Baker was so paralyzed he could not recuperate before the ten count.

Walls weighed 192½ and Baker 186. How good is Walls? Well, we think he's a great heavyweight prospect.

Two other bouts on the card also ended abruptly. Gene Ericson of Kinuso cut Pietro Alessandrini, a previously undefeated Italian heavyweight, down in the third round. Pietro was winning until Ericson landed a hard right squarely on the button. Both fighters fell in the first round.

In another preliminary unbeaten welter, Teddy Herrington of Edmonston KO'd veteran Carlie Schaefer of Mornville in 1:55 of the second. Herrington put the lights out for Carlie with a right at mid-ring. It ended in a draw.

Poulton's second fight was with Dick Wolfe which also ended in a draw. The third was another with Lou Lawrence and again the title was on the line and Lawrence won.

Middleweight Jackie Headon outfought Jerry Fraser to gain a split decision in six rounds.

In the curtain raiser, rugged light-heavy Kid Sinclair of Slave Lake won a verdict over Clint Murphy of Amber Valley.

Calgary Promoter Ernie Farr has a top fighter in either the welter or middleweight classes in Canada in Harry Poulton. In three fights in the cow-town, Poulton has come out with two draws and a loss. All the fights were close.

MICHIGAN FISTIC HEADLINES
By Jack Waina

JUDGE ANDREW (KID) BROWN, of the Michigan Boxing Commission, is currently celebrating his thirtieth year in boxing. Brown, who came to Detroit from Canton, Ohio, in 1928, has served diligently as boxer, promoter, matchmaker, manager, trainer, publisher, and currently an official judge, during his many years.

Lester Felton, 155¼, Detroit, was in good form as he handed Gus Rubicini, 157¼, Toronto, Ont., a lacing after a slow start in the top billing eight rounder at the Motor City Arena. Rubicini was down for an eight count in the fifth. Felton's purse was held up by the government for back income tax.

Vastly improved Arthur Wright, 177, Detroit, evened matters with Sonny Wilcox, 174, Cleveland, for an old score in the six-round semi-final. Wright's stinging left jabs and hard right crosses came too often and fast for Wilcox. Only the first round was close. The 19-year-old local boy has now gone through his last seven bouts without a defeat.

Hec Charette, 160, Windsor, and Andy Bachner, 154, Leamington, put on another hot battle with the former gaining the nod to even the series at one apiece and one draw. Nate Brooks, 117½, Cleveland, had too much for his fellow townsman Nicky Harris, 121, and won as he pleased.

Davey Moore, of Springfield, Ohio, who won the U.S. Olympic and National A.A.U. bantamweight titles in 1952, will turn pro under the direction of popular night club owner Ted Ordanik, who is advised by this correspondent. Moore weighs 122 pounds and promoters can contact Ordanik through this correspondent.

The best break of his career was given George Powell, 185, Detroit, when temperamental Embrell Davidson claimed a sore nose and refused to go through with his scheduled bout against Toxie Hall, 189, Chicago, at the MCA. Powell, fighting his first hometown main event, went on to win the eight-round decision. It was Hall's second loss to the Detroiter.

Prelims: Frank DeGazio, 180, Niagara Falls, Ont., drew with Al Mason, 179, Saginaw, in a four; Frank August, 150½, Pontiac, state amateur champion, TKO'd Bill Rochoe, 156¾, Detroit, due to a cut eye; and Ron McGilvary, 142, Niagara Falls, stiffened Al Cove, 141, Detroit, at 1:24 of the third.

Pat Lowry, 150, Toledo, suffered his second defeat in 25 starts, when Pat Manzi, 150, Syracuse, soundly punched out a unanimous verdict in the eight-round feature at the MCA. Lowry was down twice in the final round.

Likely looking Henry Hank, 150, Detroit, scored another fast win when he KO'd Earl Batie, 150, Warren, Ohio, in 1:21 of the opening stanza. Batie was no match for the accurate punching Detroit youngster.

Pat Clary, 162, Toledo, beat Davey Anderson, 166½, Detroit. Laurue Harvey, 164, Detroit, drew with Nick Turner, 169¾, Columbus, Ohio, and Jimmy Denure, 130, Syracuse, beat Jesse Rodriquez, 124, Warren. All were four rounds.

A couple of newcomers, Rocky Casillo, 147, Chicago, and Gene Gunter, 145, Baltimore, Md., made their debuts here heading a MCA weekly show. Casillo had won a decision over Gunter previously in Chicago in what had been described as a pier six brawl, but wasted no time in winning the rematch by a knockout at 1:45 of the second round.

First round KO's were registered by Chuck Coleman, 161, Detroit, over Dick Vest, 160½, Dayton, Ohio, in 1:47, and Johnny Valentine, 137½, Detroit, over John Trimblett, 130, London, Ontario, in 1:30. Bouts lasting the four-round distance found Chuck Price, 147, Detroit, battering Ken Hohner, 143½, London, from pillar to post returning home an easy victor, and Frank DeGazio, 182, Niagara Falls, besting John Clemmons, 189, Dayton.

Mers Nick Londes and Louis Marudas put the Olympic Stadium back on the map with three well-attended wrestling shows at this writing that have drawn 20,658 spectators who have paid $31,520. Such favorites as Jim Londes, Lord Carlton and Antonio Rocca among a few have been billed in the feature matches.

ELSEWHERE.—The winning ways of Chuck Coleman, 160, Detroit, were halted at the Rainbo Arena, when Bobby Boyd, 158½, Chicago, was awarded a decisive TKO over the local entry. . . . Pat Lowry, Toledo welter, made a home town appearance by TKOing Nate Huskey, of Detroit, in the sixth round at the Sports Arena. Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 137¼, Detroit, lost every round at the Ridgewood Grove Club in New York, in his bout with Arthur Persley, 136¾, New Orleans.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES. — Arthur Wright, promising Detroit light-heavyweight, spent several weeks visiting his home in Jacksonville, Fla., following his fine victory over U.S. Olympic champion Chuck Speiser. With that win Arthur succeeds Speiser, as Michingan's number one 175-pounder. . . . Recent letters from Johnny Summerlin, Detroit heavyweight now in the army overseas, reveals that he is currently a boxing instructor at a southern air base in Japan. . . . Coach Nick "Lucky" Malik's CYO Center Team, gained the 1953 CYO amateur tournament trophy for the second straight year. . . . Featherweight Johnny Butler, of Grand Rapids, came through as a winner in the big Chicago amateur tournament of champions, and then won in the annual East-West pairings.

Don Frayer does a nice job running the Motor City Gym while attending Wayne University at the same time.

Noel Humphrey, promising young fighter out of Mickey Davies stable, is right in the thick of things over in Korea. Know just what you are going through Noel and I am pulling for you all the way. . . . Two trainers deserving a nod are Taylor Smith, who doubles as an enduring bus driver for the DSR and Harry Robertson. They know their business.

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BOXING IN VENEZUELA
By William Albert

CARACAS.—Spanish champion Antonio Monzon, 151¼, used only a left jab all night against welterweight champion Jose Alberto Diaz, 157½, winning a split decision in ten rounds. Monzon was the aggressor in eight rounds, and fought in great form. The Venezuelan only won two rounds.

Sergio Gascue, 148, won over Angel Pirela, 150, in eight rounds. Ali Martucci, 121, outboxed the veteran, Angel Cordova, 115½, in a good fight, winning all six rounds. Martucci continues undefeated in five fights. Juan Elias Marrero, 150¾ was declared technical winner over Clinton Jones, 155¾, in four. Pedro Morin, 135, lost to Jose Flores, 142, in four. Gate, $3,450.

At the Nuevo Circo, the Venezuelan fans gave a fine ovation to featherweight champion Victor (Sonny) Leon, 126, for his brilliant knockout victory over the Panamanian, Juan Diaz II, 120¼, in 1:25 of the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. Leon set up his opponent with a vigorous uppercut and continued with short blows to the body and face. Our featherweight champion is undefeated in 35 professional fights.

In a ten-round semi-final, Luis Barreto, 134, lightweight champ, punched out a unanimous decision over Pedro Tesis, 132¾ of Panama. In the best fight of the night, Jose Ramon Delgado, 122½, drew with Enrique Bidau, 126¼, in six. Emilio Jackson, 145, kayoed Jose Yanes, 147¼, in six rounds. Domingo Leon, 135¼, defeated Florentino Plaza, 139, in four. Gate $3,600.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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HENRY HALL of New Orleans, 189½, packed too much punch and knocked out Ralph Schneider, 236, of Chicago in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the Ron De Voo. A small crowd paid $821 to see Sammy Maddens fight card.

In the six-round semi, Arthur Portley, 128¼, Milwaukee, defeated Stan Hartman, 131½, Van Wert, Ohio.

Johnny Johnson, 147, Chicago, scored two knockdowns to win the four-round decision over Dick August, 150, Miami. The other four ended with Bob Sherrill, 175, Chicago, knocking out Irish Al Casey, 180, New York, in the first round.

In a double six-round windup at the South Side Armory, Ted Olla, 162, Milwaukee, dropped a split decision to Johnny Mitchell, 157½, Chicago, and Dick Kerber, 146½, Milwaukee, beat Clinton McDade, 143, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Other results: John Gillespie, 150½, Benton Harbor, knocked out Charles Humphrey, 150, Chicago, in 2:40 of the third round.

Martin Lee, 211, Chicago, won by a technical knockout over Ellis Fitzgerald, 203½, Milwaukee, when Fitzgerald failed to answer the bell for the second round.

Terry Book, 125, Milwaukee, won a unanimous decision over Ray Flippin, 120¼, Chicago, in four rounds.

The Wisconsin Boxing Club had a show scheduled this month between Dan Bucceroni and Wes Bascom at the Arena. Bucceroni begged off claiming lack of condition. Rocky Jones was substituted but wired two days before the fight date he wasn't coming in. The boxing commission suspended both fighters and asked them to pay the club $500 expenses.

State Senator Bernard Gettelman introduced three amendments to the boxing law for consideration of the legislators at Madison.

They would extend the state's 5 per cent tax to cover fees a club would receive from television rights.

Another would require boxing promoters to insure each fighter for $2500 death benefit and $500 for medical, hospital and nursing fees.

The third would limit boxing licenses to two major and two minor clubs. The small clubs would not be permitted to charge over one dollar for admission. At present there are four major licenses, $300 each.

COLORADO'S CLOUTERS
By Herb Allen

TWO more unfortunate accidents fell upon Colorado boxers this past month. Jimmy Nelson, long time Denver favorite, both inside and outside the ring, was killed in the finals of a Golden Gloves Tournament in Texas, where he was stationed in the Air Corps. The second fatality occurred in a high school boxing tournament in Hotchkiss, Col., when Cloyd N. Hughes, Jr., was TKO'd in the third round and died of a brain hemorrhage.

Andy Maes, 147, "The Wild Bull of the Rockies," journeyed to Minneapolis where he was stopped via the cut eye by tough Georgie Price. Andy got into the win column, however, two weeks later by KOing Harold McDonald at Farmington, N. Mex., in three.

Three Denver fighters are going great guns in their comeback attempts. Jesse Mongia, 122, won a slashing ten-round victory over the California bantamweight champion, Oscar Torres. Previously, Jesse, whipped tough Billy Evans in California. Ruben Shank, veteran Denver middleweight, won his third in a row by KOing Billy Edwards in four at Farmington, N. Mex., and Denver's featherweight contender, Corky Gonzales, stopped Jackie Graves in three, and posted ten-round wins over Glen Flanagan and Charlie Riley up around the Twin Cities.

The only card held here since the Golden Gloves pitted Sec Gonzales against Julian Gonzales in the main-go which saw Sec emerge victorious after a close, hard-fought battle. In the undercard, Rudy Ulibarri won over Clem Rodriquez, Jakie Gonzalez decisioned a much improved Ronnie Goodman, LeRoy Atencio defeated Al Cropley, and Bob Maibes upset Abe Mendoza.

Sorry I missed you last month, but my wife Marva and I were blessed with the arrival of a baby girl. Oh well, I can always make a lady wrestler out of her.

REMEMBER PROMOTERS: Jasper (Banana Boy) Colson, undefeated 175 pounder, Andy Maes, 147, and Freddie Garcia, 140 (who is now pro), can be booked through this writer by writing, 38 So. Washington, Denver, Colorado. Another good bet is Gene Engle's very good lightheavy, Clinton Bacon.

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IDAHO FISTIC FACTS
By Hugh Sutton

THE results of Promoter Cliff Thiede's boxing card at Idaho Falls Armory: In the main go scheduled for ten chapters, Garth Panter, Dayton, Idaho, middleweight, whacked out an eight round TKO over Grover Jackson, Vallejo, Calif. The Vallejo boy was reluctant about throwing his right hand and elected to jab and cover, although the relentless Panter floored him seven times in the one-sided fight. The referee stopped the bout in the eighth round, when Jackson arose wobbly from the fourth knockdown in that final heat.

Buddy Sloan, veteran Salt Lake City middleweight, carved out a third TKO over slender Gene Dilkes of Boise. Sloan's superior body punching and aggressiveness had "Splinter" Dilkes bewildered almost from the start. Wendell Haskell, hard-belting Ogden, light-heavyweight, captured the decision in a Donnybrook four-rounder with Pocatello policeman, Charley Crump. Haskell won the most popular prelim fighter award—a nice man's wrist watch. Chuck Berry, Emmett, Idaho, light-heavyweight youngster, was forced to come from behind to garner a four-round decision over Rexburg's Dean Anderson.

A near capacity crowd was in attendance.

Butte, Mont.—Ken Nicholes, pleasing Boise light-heavyweight, took an upset six rounder decision over Bull Halsey, Oakland, Calif., on the Bobo Olson Garth Panter card. This card drew $16,000 net, an indoor record for Montana.

Spokane, Wash.—A very disappointing crowd of 1,640 paid a gate of $6,076.25 to see Archie Moore, light-heavyweight champ, pulverize 210-lb. Al Spaulding, of Oakland, Calif.

The champ had Spaulding down for the nine count in the first, with two terrific rights. Spaulding was down again twice in the second and again in the third, and stayed there this time.

Tex Hager the Tri-State promoter, guaranteed Moore $2,500 to display his wares against Spaulding.

Chuck Ciocca, 146, Spokane, knocked out Ray Strong, 145, Payette, Idaho, in the third. George Singleton, 178, Spokane, knocked out Clell Davis, 174, Spokane, in the third. Chuck Putney, 148, Payette, Idaho, outpointed Wilf Desjardins, 147, Calgary, four. Bobby Woods, 132, Spokane, knocked out Tony Alvarez, Los Angeles, in the fifth.

Gene Losee, rotund Salt Lake City boxing pilot, has opened top-notch training quarters at 248 South Main St. in the Mormon city. Any out-of-state fighters seeking action in the inter-mountain region may reach manager Losee at this address.

Baron Von Stumme has sold his interests in the Salt Lake City boxing and returned to his first love of managing pugs.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

AN action packed card staged at the Fleet Recreation Park, in Norfolk, under the supervision of Chief Warrant Officer Stewart, satisfied the fans with plenty of thrills.

"Pounding" Pat Patterson, 1952 Atlantic Fleet, 165-pound champion, scored a first round TKO over Jackie Fields of the U.S.S. *Coral Sea*, in the feature.

The semi-final bout, between Vic Perez, 110, of the U.S.S. *Everglades*, and Ralph Medina, 112, of the U.S.S. *Mississippi*, had the fans standing and rooting their lungs out. Perez was awarded the decision by a one-point margin. Your writer refereed.

Larry Jurgens, 143, Amphibs Base, decisioned Cliff Fleming, 142, U.S.S. *Coral Sea*, three rounds. Tom Evans, 150, U.S.S. *Iowa*, decisioned Willie Green, 149, U.S.S. *Meredith*, three rounds. Dick Gentry, 139, U.S.S. *Wilson*, decisioned Lou DeMarco, 138, U.S.S. *Coolbaugh*, three rounds. Reggie Dean, 154, U.S.S. *Coney*, won a second-round TKO over Paddy McMullan, 156, Amphibs Base. Mike Pedicone, 114, U.S.S. *Waldron*, decisioned Rocky Sisson, U.S.S. *Iowa*, three rounds.

Rudy LaValle, 151, U.S.S. *Vogelgesang*, decisioned Al Pereles, 147½, U.S.S. *Iowa*, three rounds. Jesse Vidito, 168, U.S.S. *Iowa*, decisioned Hal Warren, 165, U.S.S. *Coolbaugh*, three rounds. Moon Snider, 120, U.S.S. *Cecil*, TKO'd Bill McIntire, 119¾, U.S.S. *Macon*, second round. Ray Wharton, 125, U.S.S. *Porter*, decisioned Robin Rees, 123, N.A.S., three rounds. Gene Toran, 130, N.A.S., decisioned Bob Nichols, 130½, U.S.S. *Cecil*, three rounds. Frank Buckman, 154, Amphibs Base, decisioned Carlo Lanzillotti, 158, U.S.S. *Macon*.

Annexing four individual championships, U.S.S. *Iowa* slugged its way to the 1953 Atlantic Fleet Battleship-Cruiser Force boxing crown in the All-Navy boxing card held at the Little Creek Amphibs Base. The card was under the supervision of Rear Admiral E. T. Wooldridge.

The show revealed a hard-punching sensation in Robert Ortiz, 140, U.S.S. *Iowa*, who scored a one-punch KO over Frank Nardillo, 139, U.S.S. *Albany*, in the first round.

Chuck Glasby, 146, U.S.S. *DesMoines*, won third-round KO over Joel T. Evans, 145, U.S.S. *Iowa*. Gennaro Macrini, 148½, U.S.S. *Wisconsin*, won a second-round KO over Dave McAlpine, 147¾, U.S.S. *Albany*.

Dave Welborn, 141, U.S.S. *Mississippi*, won a close decision over Chuck Rose, 140, U.S.S. *Macon*, three rounds. Al Paralli, 155, U.S.S. *Macon*, won a close decision over Gordon Cameron, 153¾, U.S.S. *DesMoines*, three rounds. Jesse Vidito, 198, U.S.S. *Iowa* scored a first-round KO over Warren Marshall, 201, U.S.S. *Mississippi*.

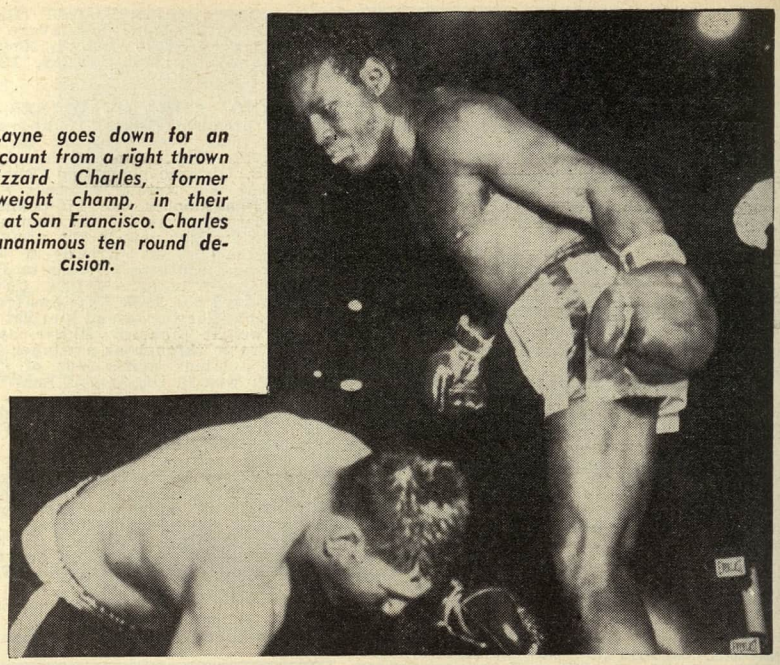
The Khedive Temple Shriner smoker, held at the Norfolk Auditorium, supplied the invited guests with many thrilling bouts. Larry Jurgens, 180, hard-punching sensation of Chief Al Gibbs crack Amphibs Base team, scored a second-round KO over Al Cowart, 179. Mark Sison, 115, U.S.S. *Iowa*, won a second-round TKO over Mike Pedicone, 114, U.S.S. *Grand Canyon*. Ray LaValley, 135, U.S.S. *Grand Canyon*, won a second-round TKO over Dick Dixon, 134¼. Ed Mulvey, 150, N.A.S., won an unanimous decision over Bobby Ortiz, 149, U.S.S. *Iowa*.

Don Angelo, 135, U.S.S. *Coral Sea*, won a unanimous decision over Bob Taylor, 134, U.S.S. *Mississippi*. Bill Wedemeyer, 201, won a split decision over Jesse Vidit, 198, U.S.S. *Iowa*. Vinnie Valles, 127, N.A.S., won a split decision over Don DeLong, 128½, Little Creek Amphibs Base. Joey DePhillips, 155, SeeBees, won a unanimous decision over Dick Marshall, 157, N.A.S.

Although the Sixth Annual March of Dimes Boxing Carnival, held at the Municipal Auditorium in Norfolk, was not the financial success of the 1952 show, which netted the worthy cause $8,500, the 1953 card benefited $7,648. The show will be remembered for many years, because of its perfectly matched, thrilling bouts, and because of the reversed decision rhubarb, caused unintentionally by "Chuck Davey", who acted as referee in the Fred McKinney-Joey DePhillips sensational brawl.

Virginia Boxing Commission rulings are that all amateur bouts must end with a decision rendered to either boxer. There are no draw decisions. At the end of the three thrilling rounds, Announcer Bill Bishop announced DePhillips the winner, but after careful examination of the judges' card he found that Davey had given a draw verdict. But when Davey was informed of his mistake, he changed his card to read McKinney the winner by a one-point margin.

All information concerning Virginia Boxers and boxing is welcome. Please have same at my home by the end of each month. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk, Va



Rex Layne goes down for an eight count from a right thrown by Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champ, in their battle at San Francisco. Charles won unanimous ten round decision.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

MOST of the boxing activity was left to the amateur boys this last month. We finished up our Golden Gloves tournament with the following boys crowned as champions: Harold Bates, flyweight; Billy Williams, bantamweight; Eddie Cooper, featherweight; Leon Bible, lightweight; Rudell Stitch, welterweight; Sterling Williams, middleweight; Willie Finney, light heavyweight; Walter Givens, heavyweight.

The amateur boys of Louisville, Ky., boxed the amateur team from Lexington, Ky., beating them 8 to 2. The card was headlined by Eddie Cooper, State featherweight champion, who outclassed Johnnie Campbell of Lexington, Kentucky.

The only Louisville professional to go to post was Doug Medly who won an eight-round decision over Ben Milou at Cleveland.

Don Smith, an impressive amateur heavyweight, formerly from Peoria, Ill., and also a boxing coach in Germany with the 102nd Regiment, is making his home here.

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